

Physique combinatoire
et
algèbres quadratiques

"L'Ansatz cellulaire"

Cours 1 (suite du colloquium)

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An introduction to RSK

G. de B. Robinson, 1938

C. Schensted, 1961

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & 10 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 4 & 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

6	10			
3	5	8		
1	2	4	7	9

P



8	10			
2	5	6		
1	3	4	7	9

Q

The Robinson-Schensted correspondence (RSK) between permutations and pair of (standard) Young tableaux with the same shape

RSK with Schensted's insertions

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	1	6	10	2	5	8	4	9	7

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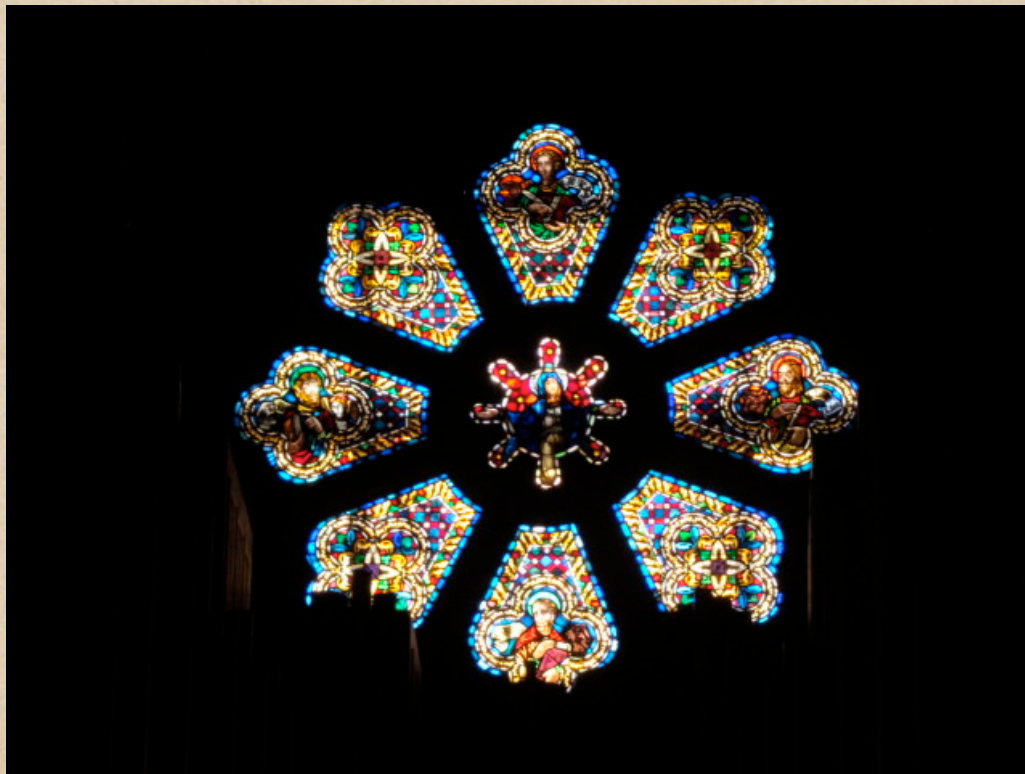
Donald Knuth

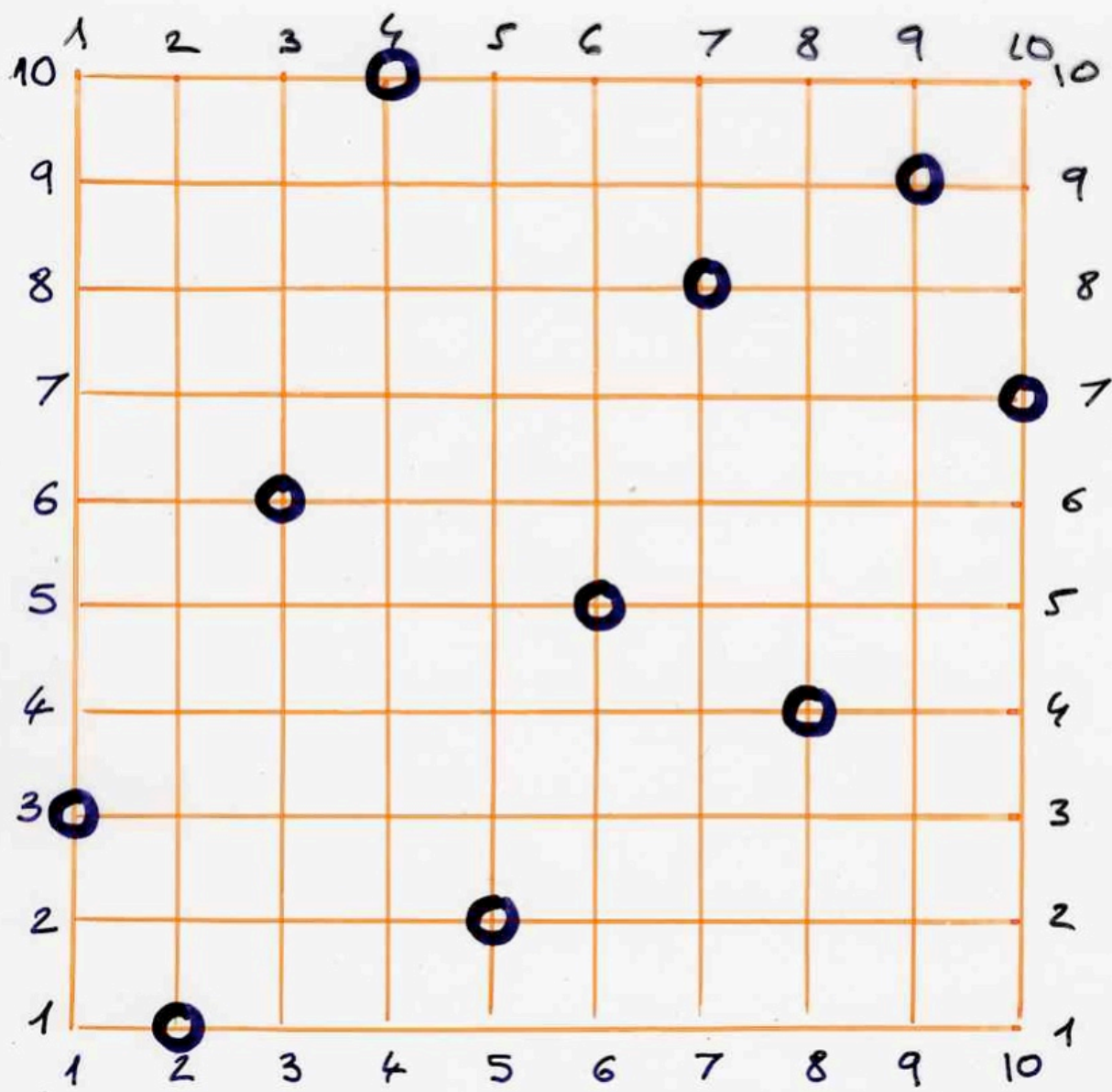
(1972)

" The unusual nature of these
coincidences might lead us to
suspect that some sort of
withcraft is operating behind
the scenes "

A geometric version of RSK
with “light” and “shadow lines”

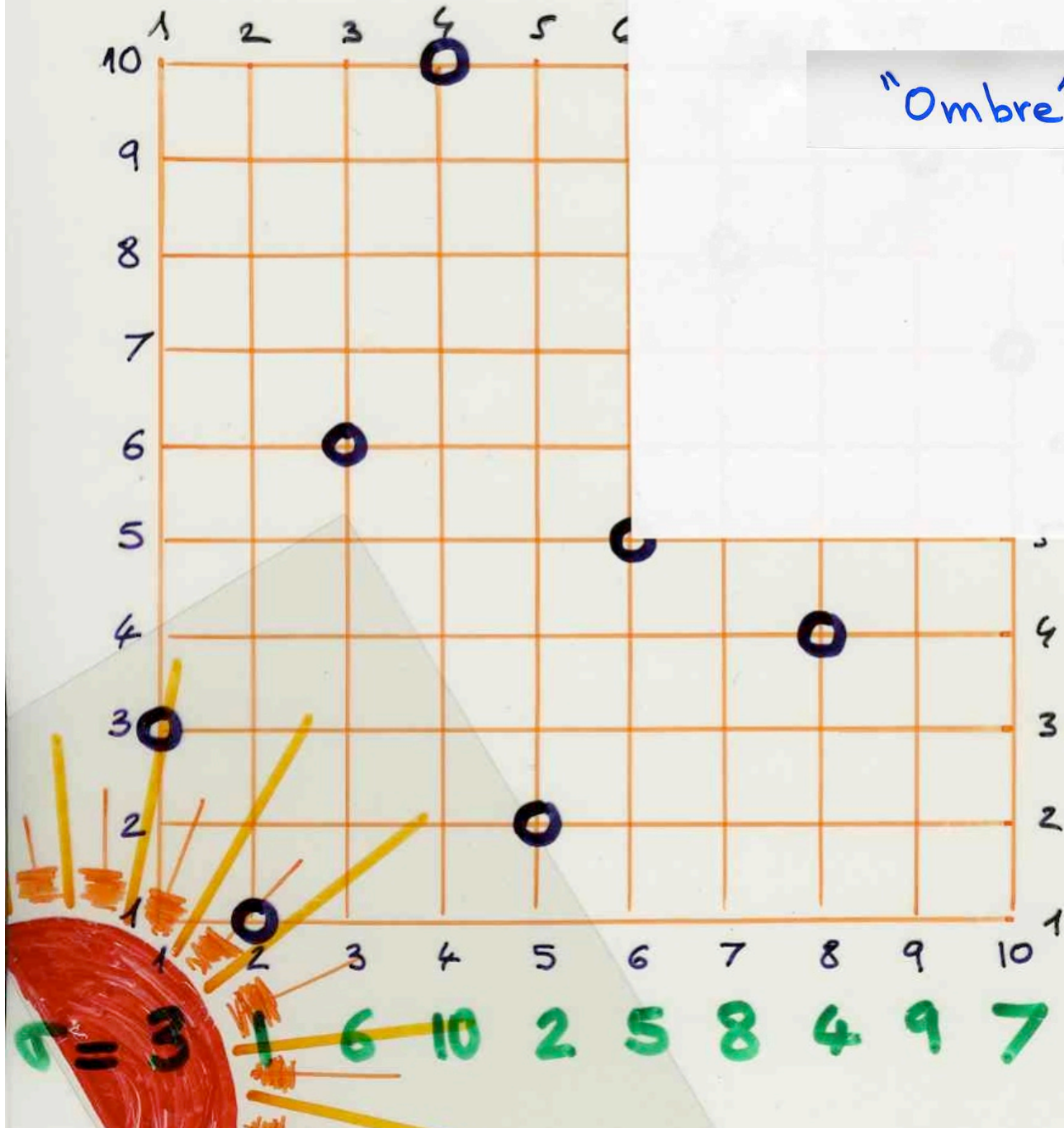
xgv, 1976



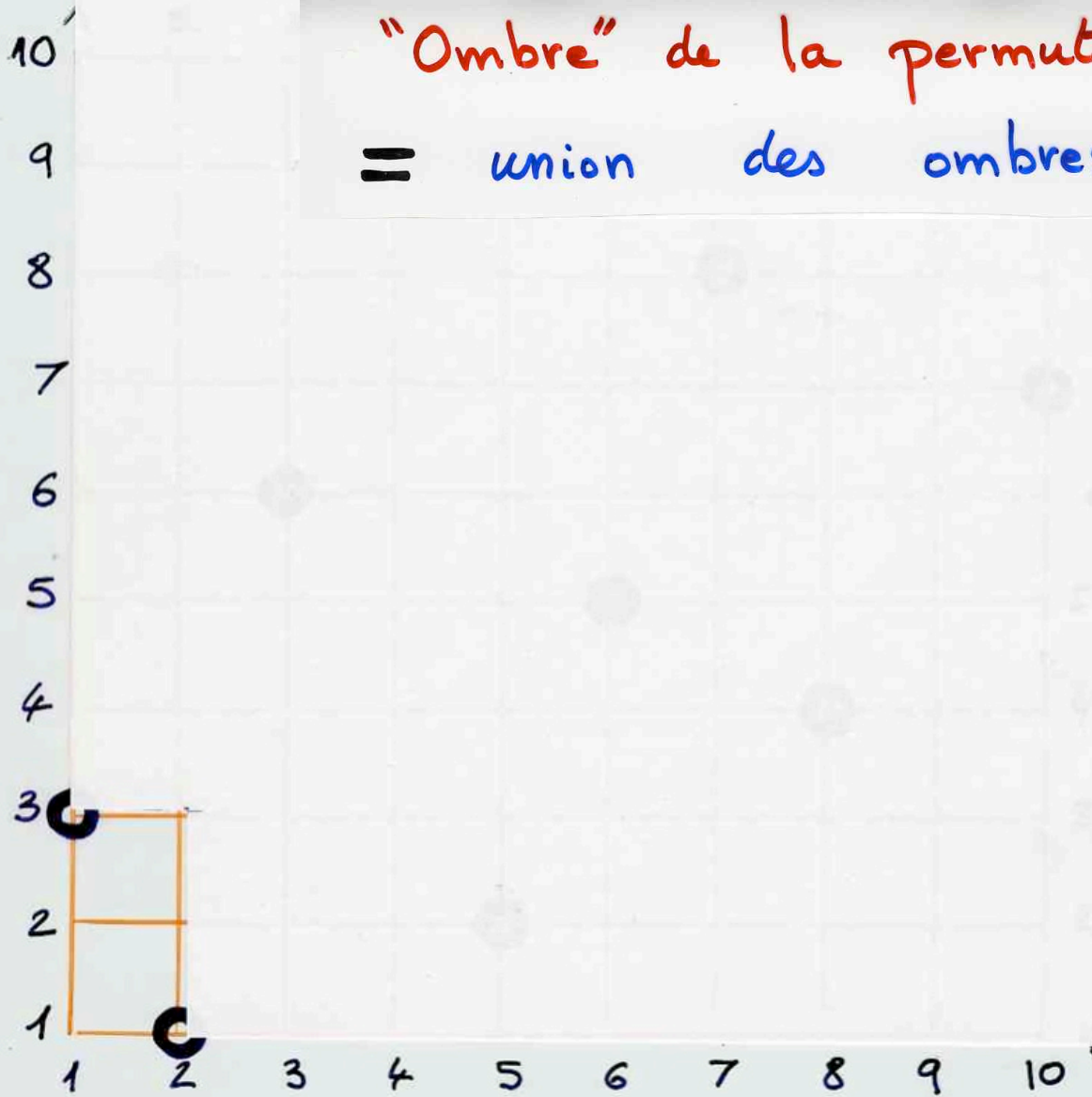


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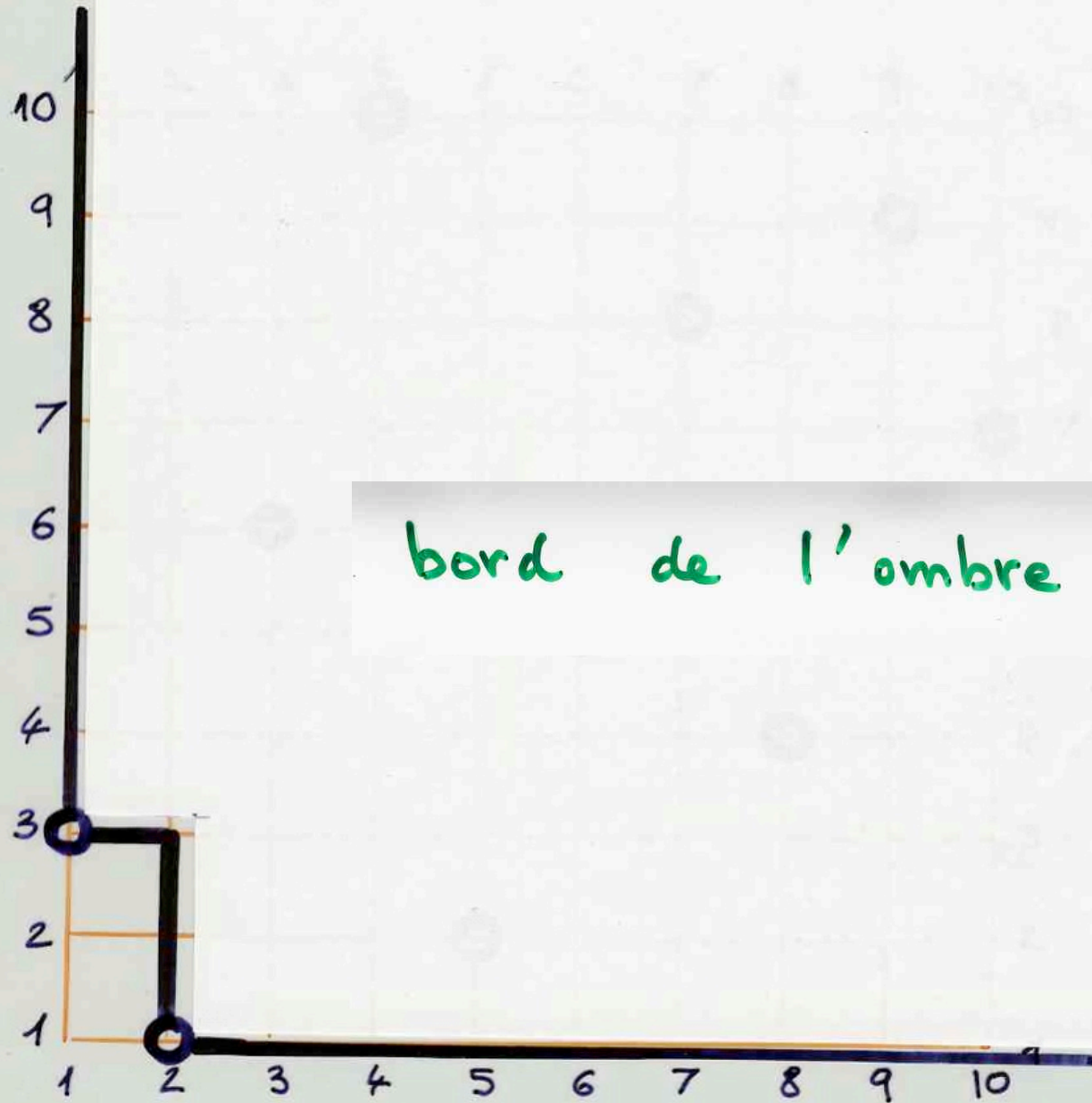
"Ombre" d'un point



"Ombre" de la permutation
= union des ombres

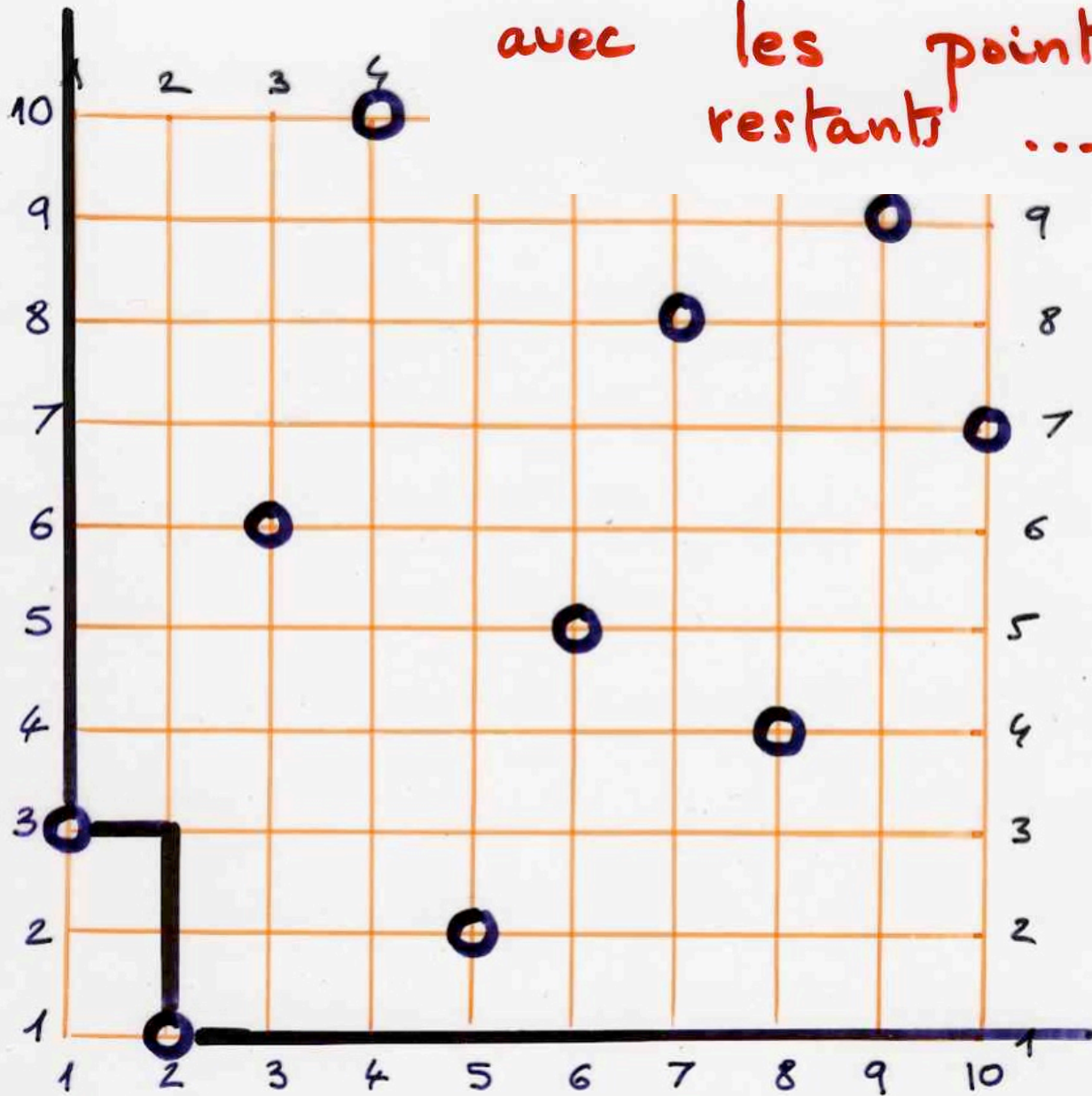


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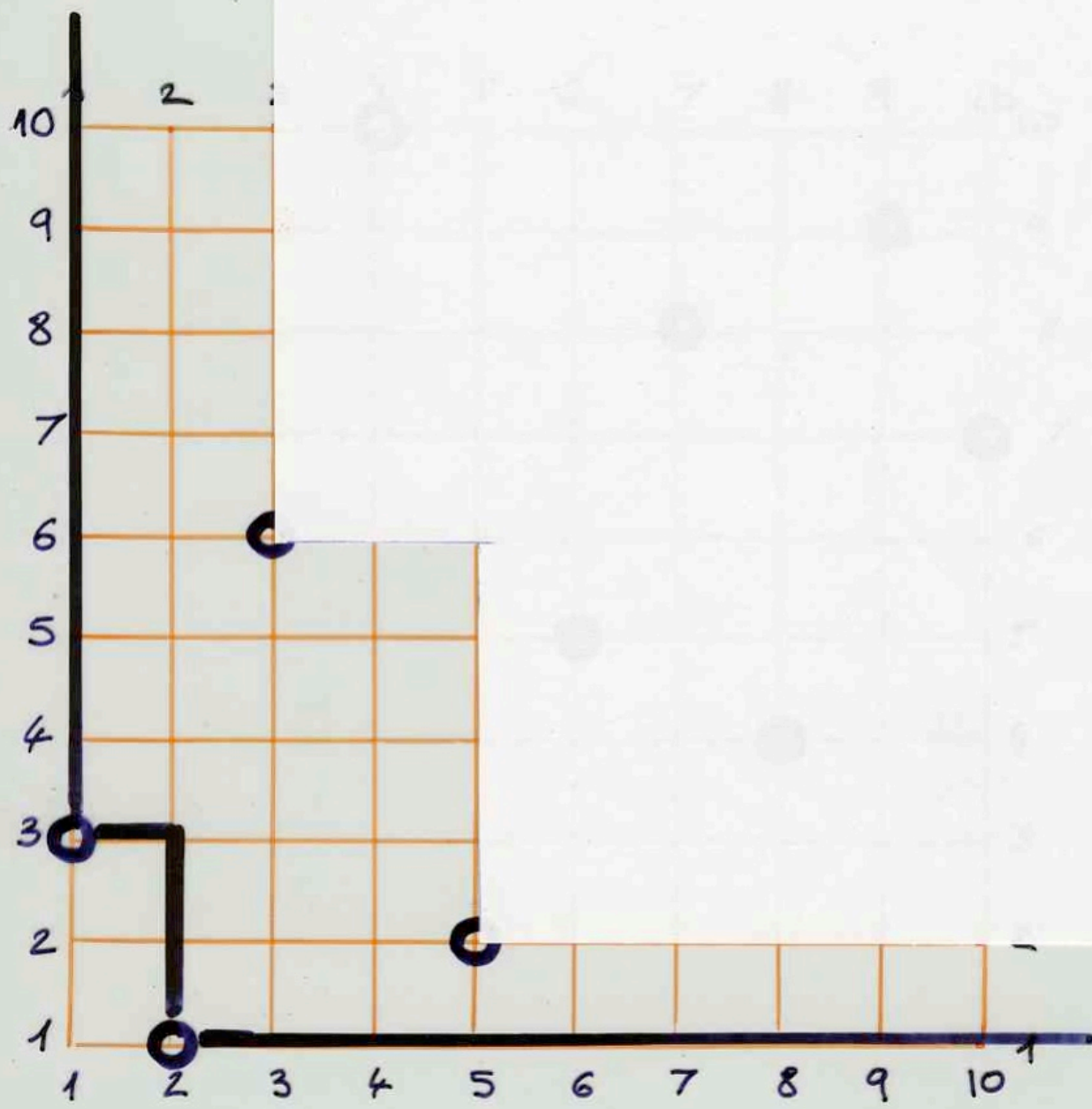


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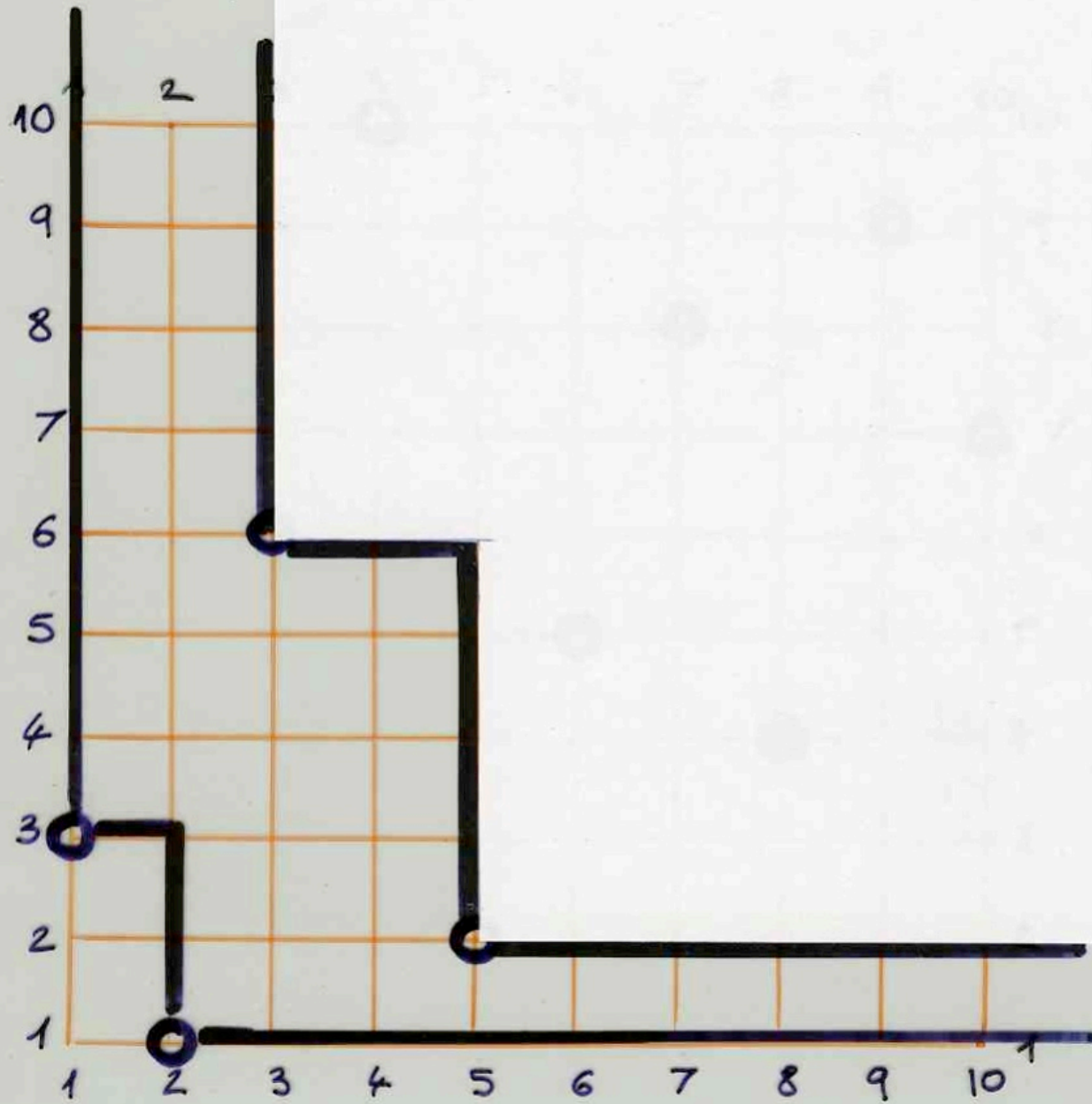
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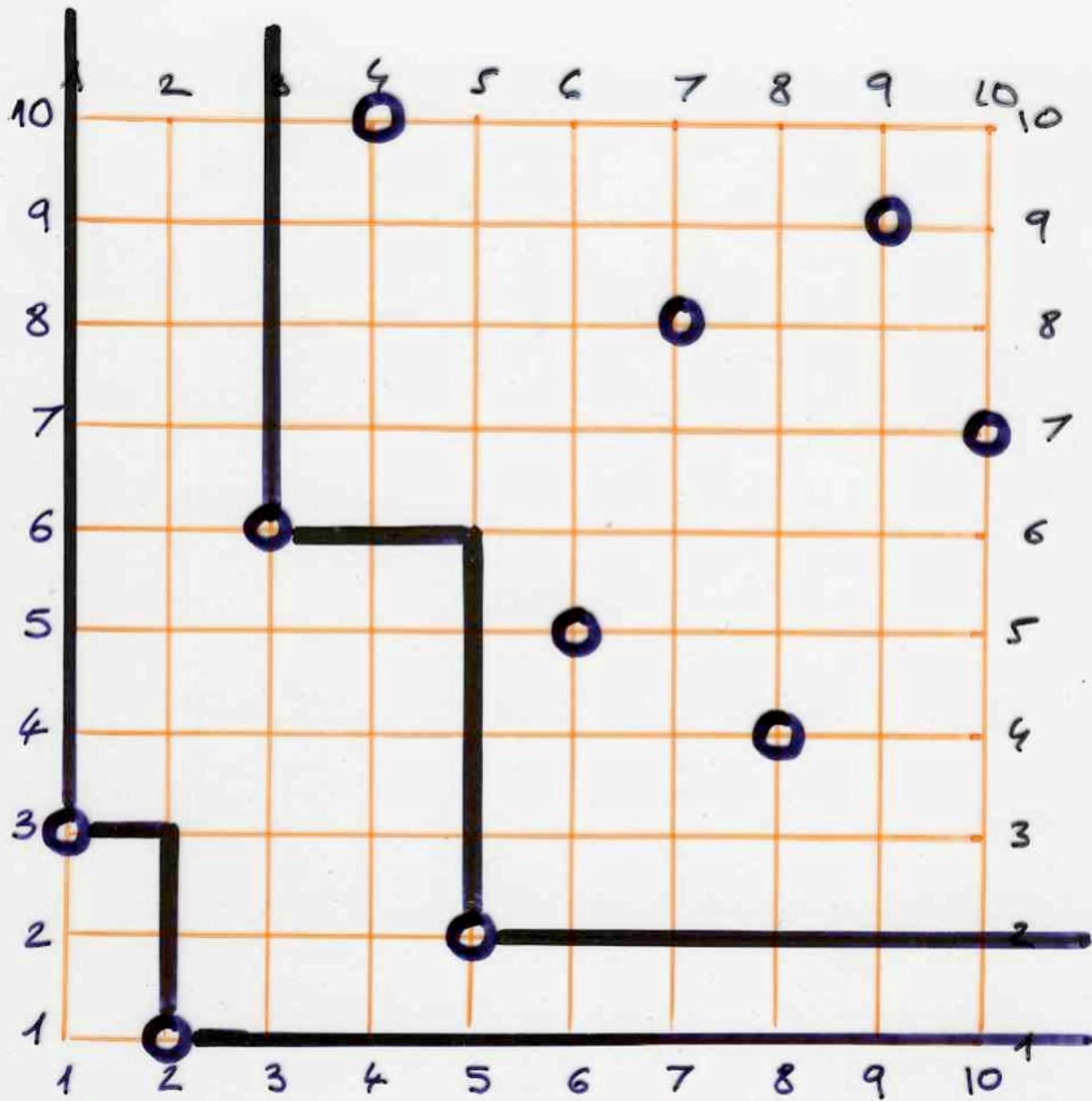
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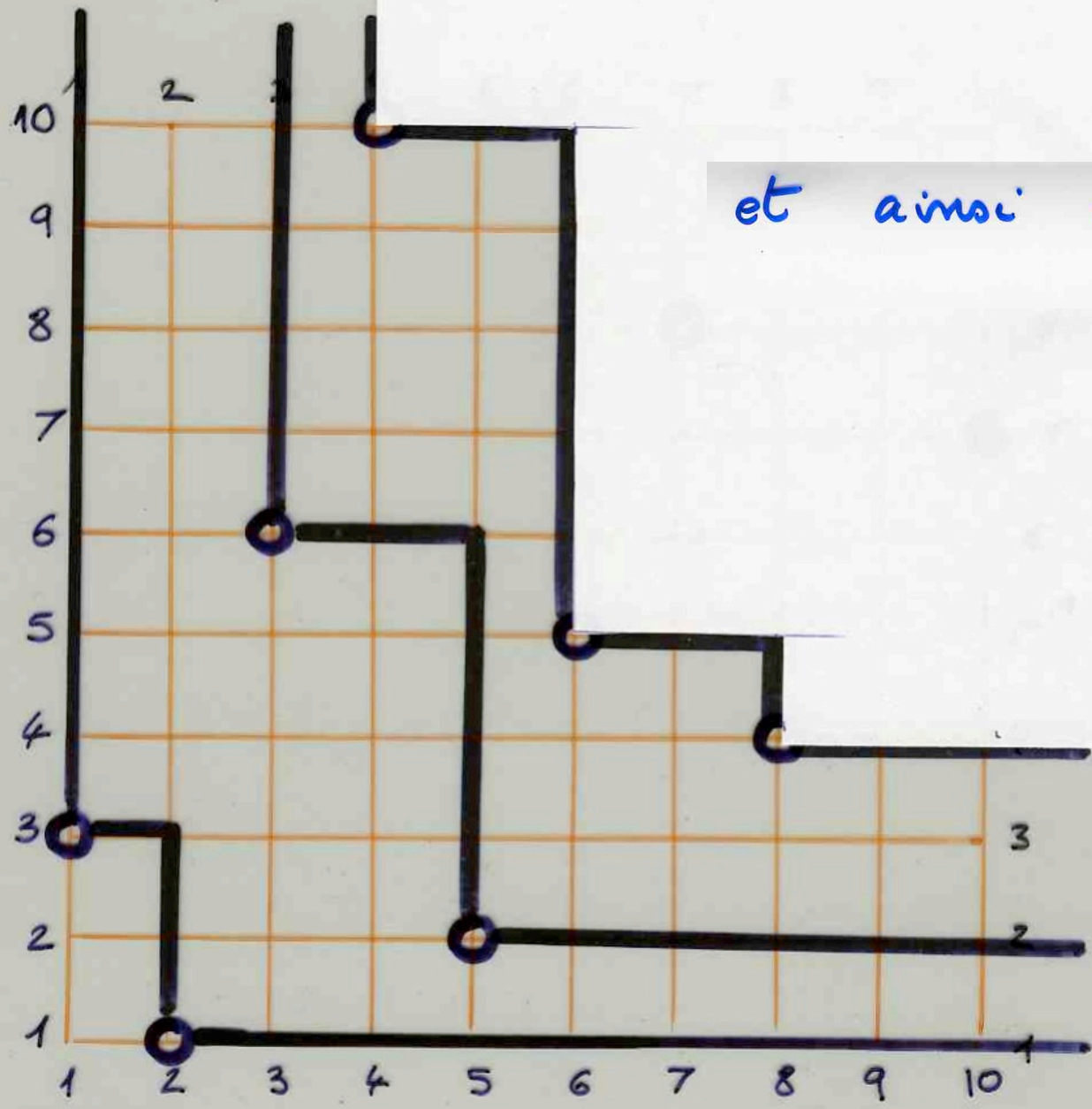
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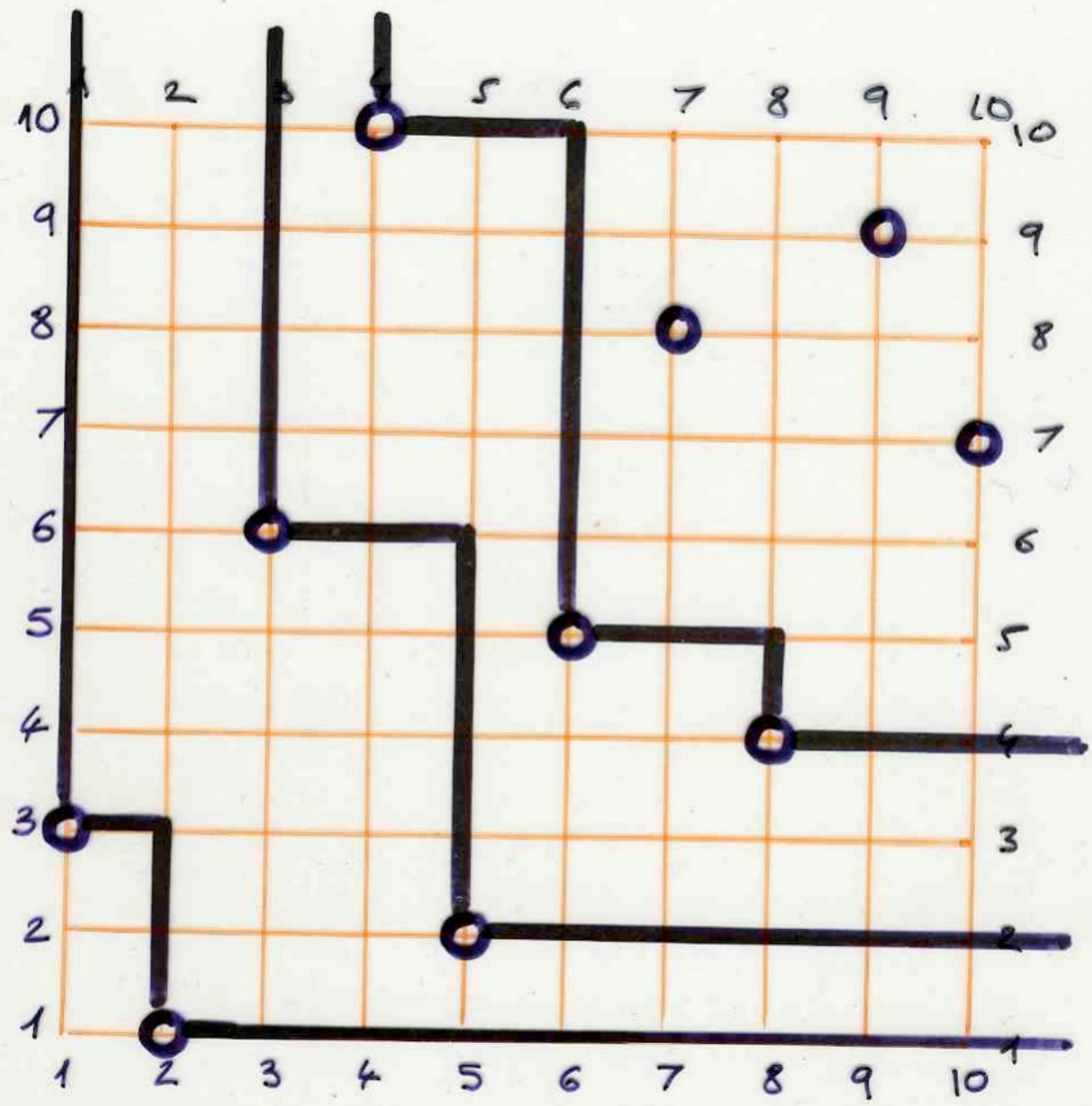


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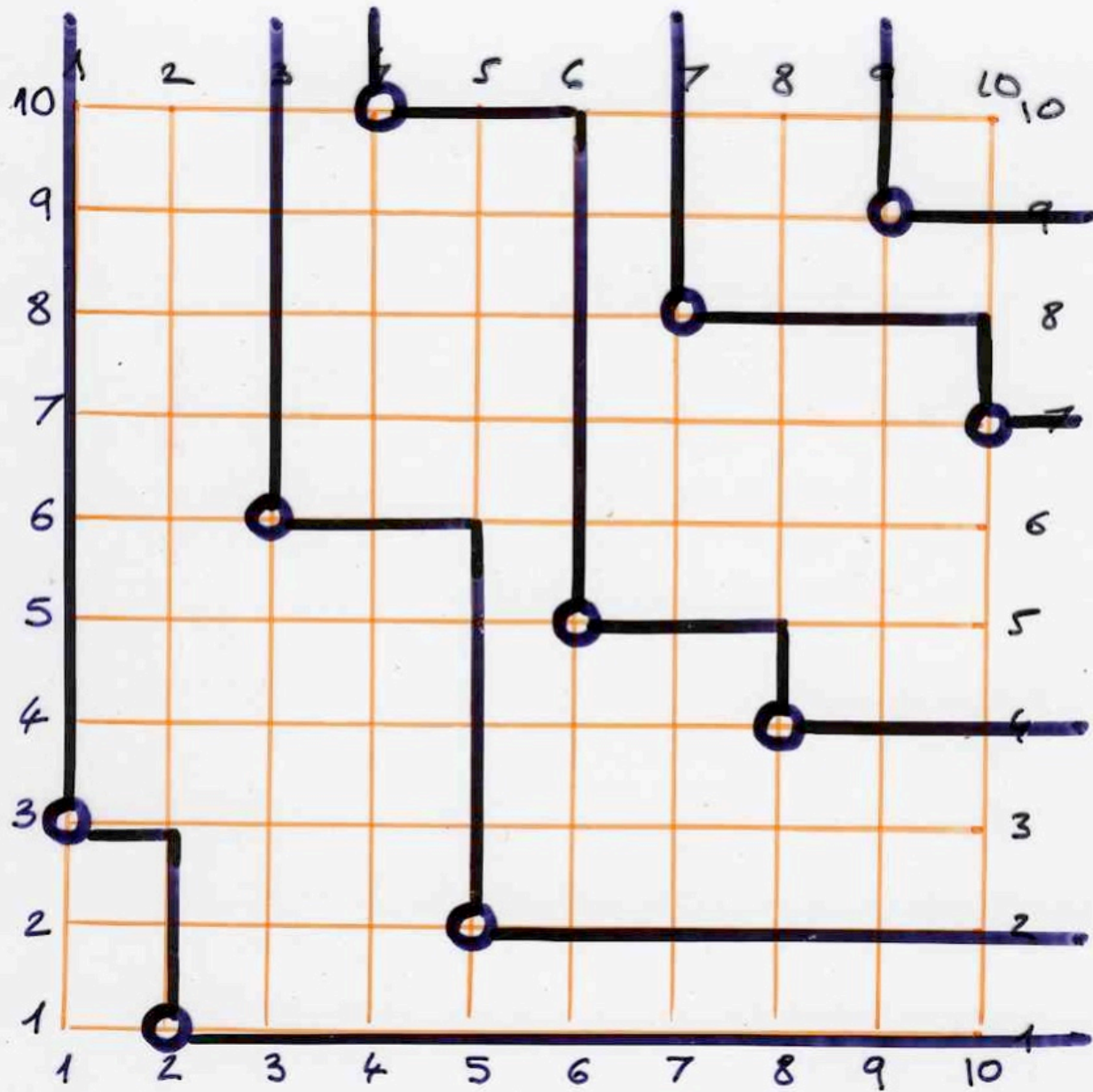


et ainsi de suite
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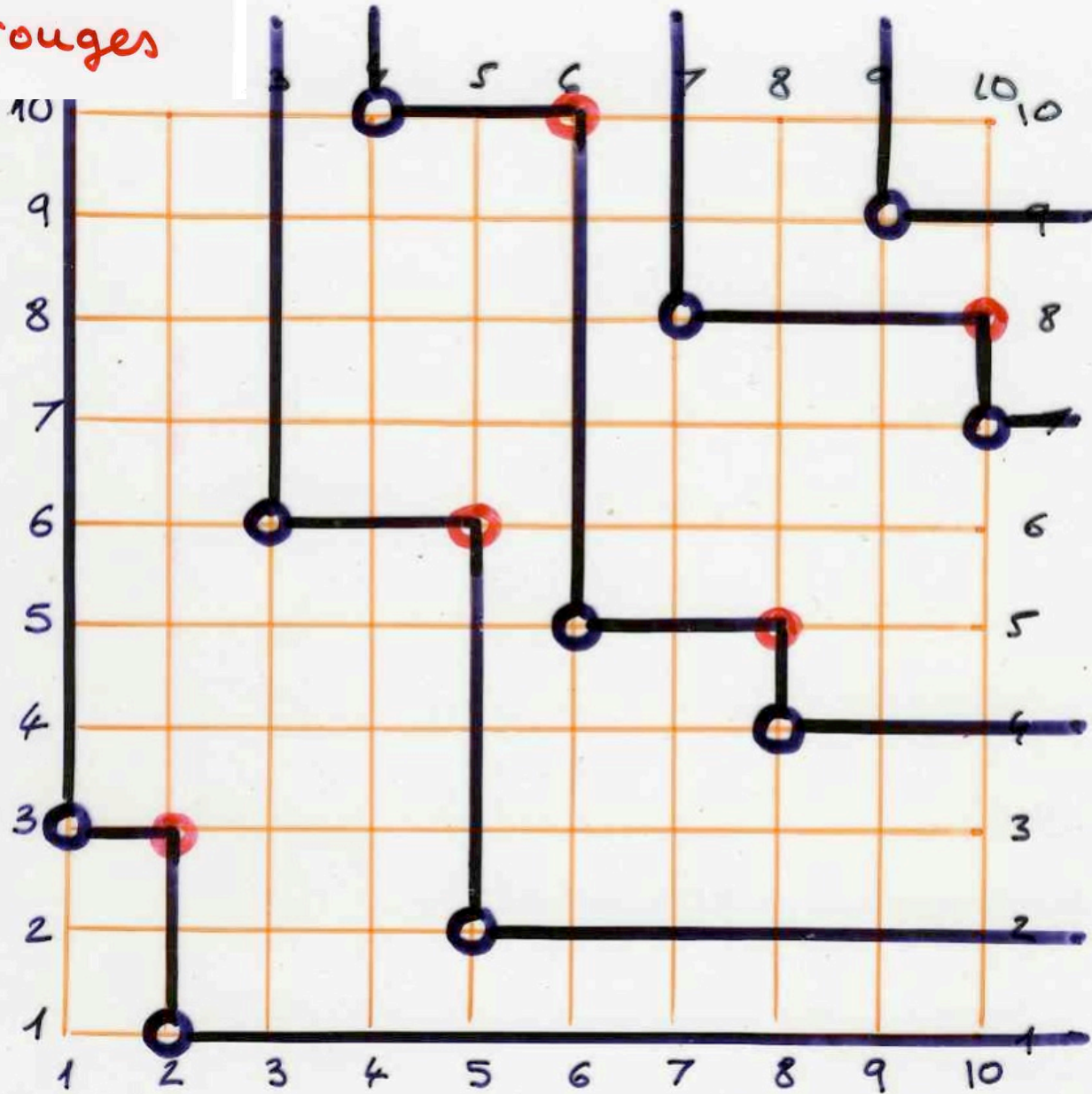


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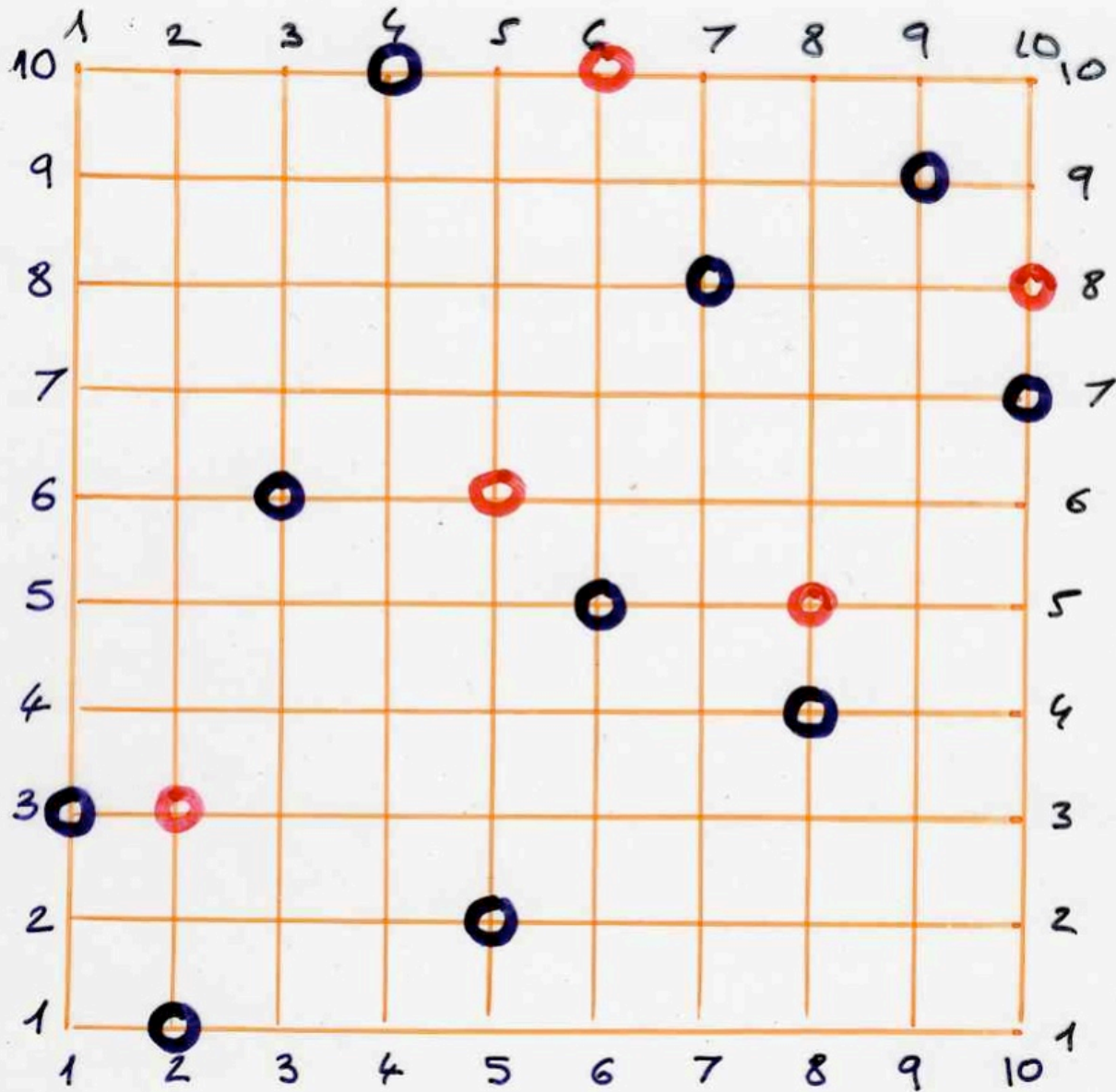


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des nouveaux points
les rouges

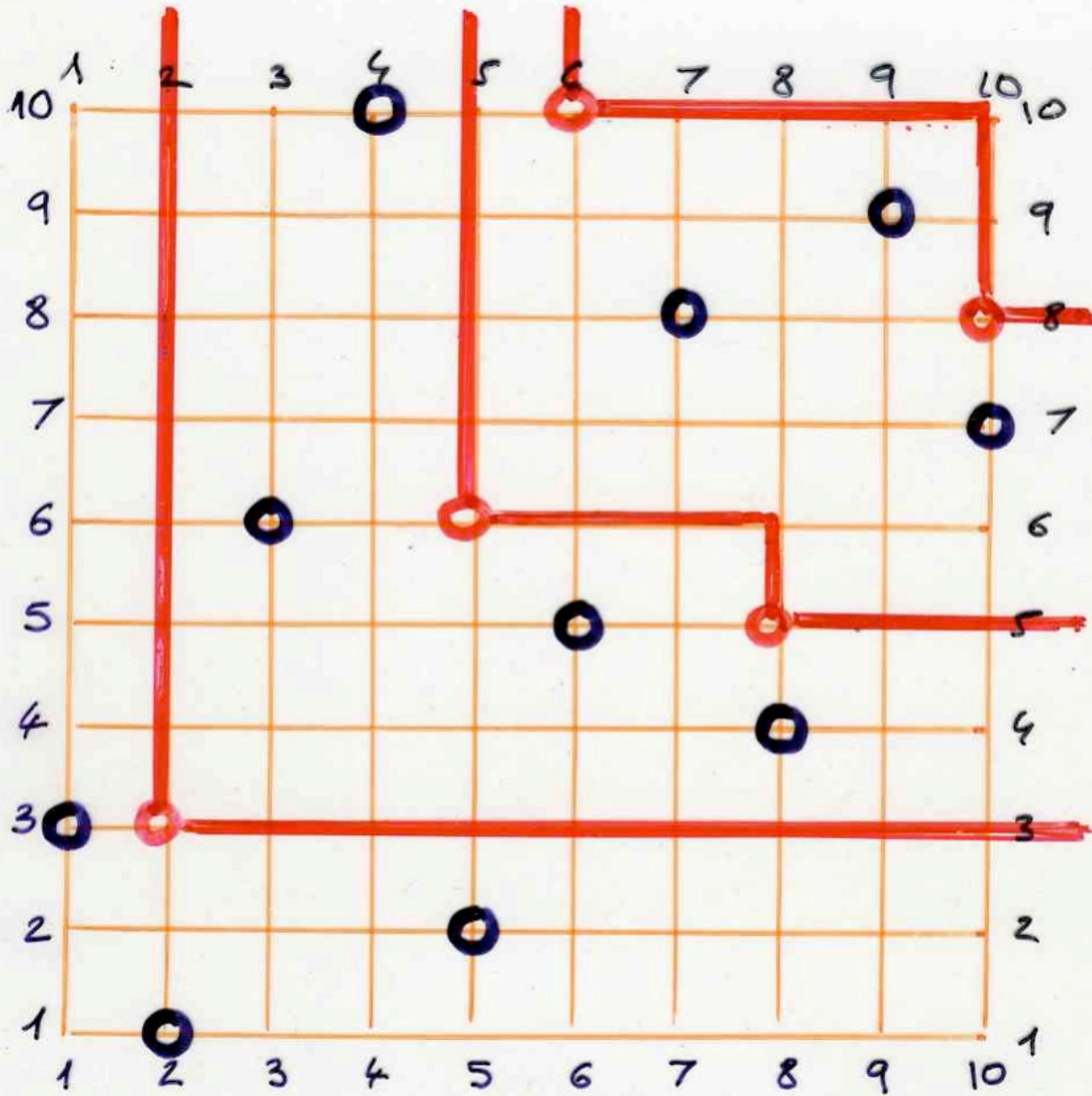


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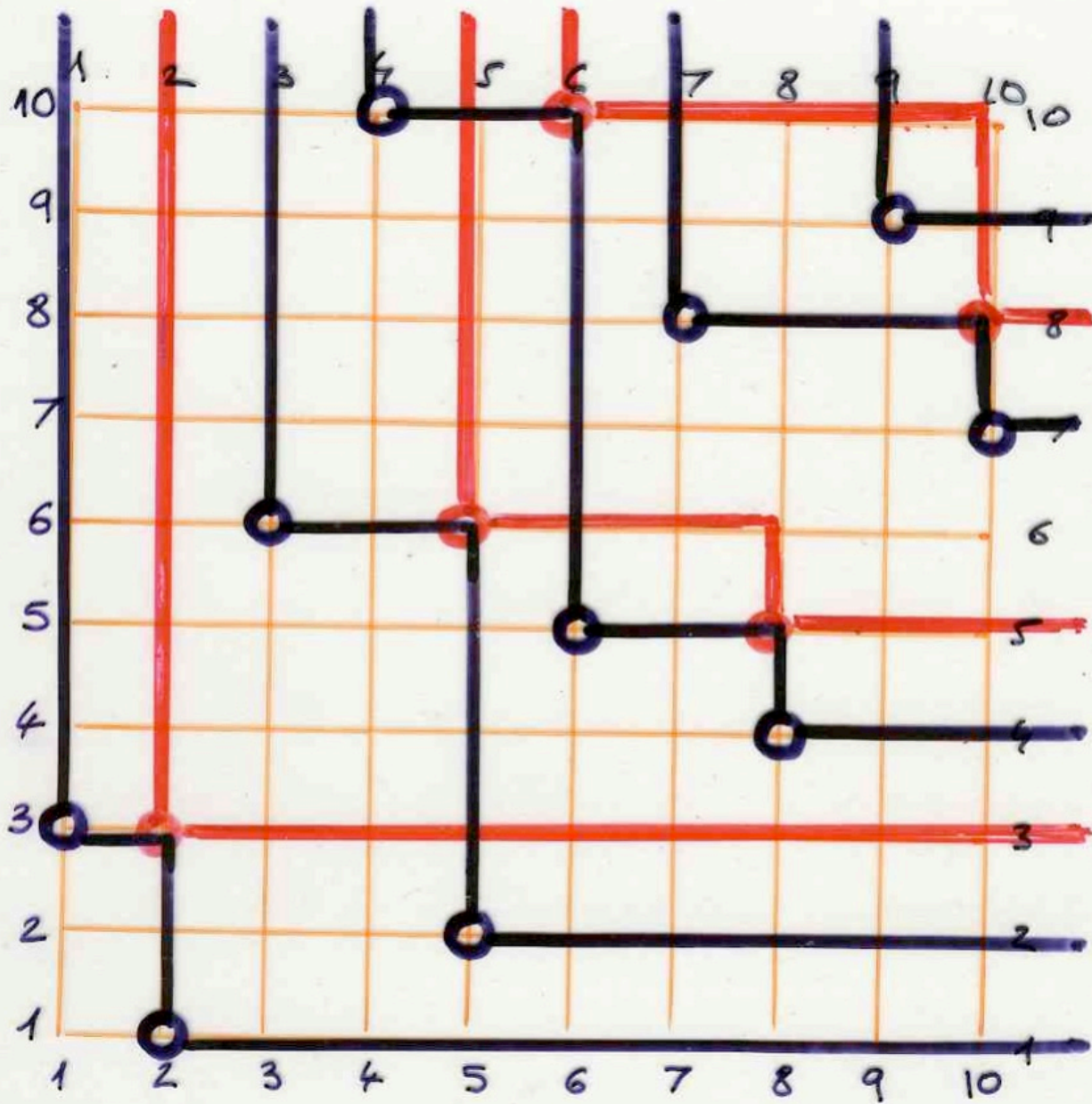


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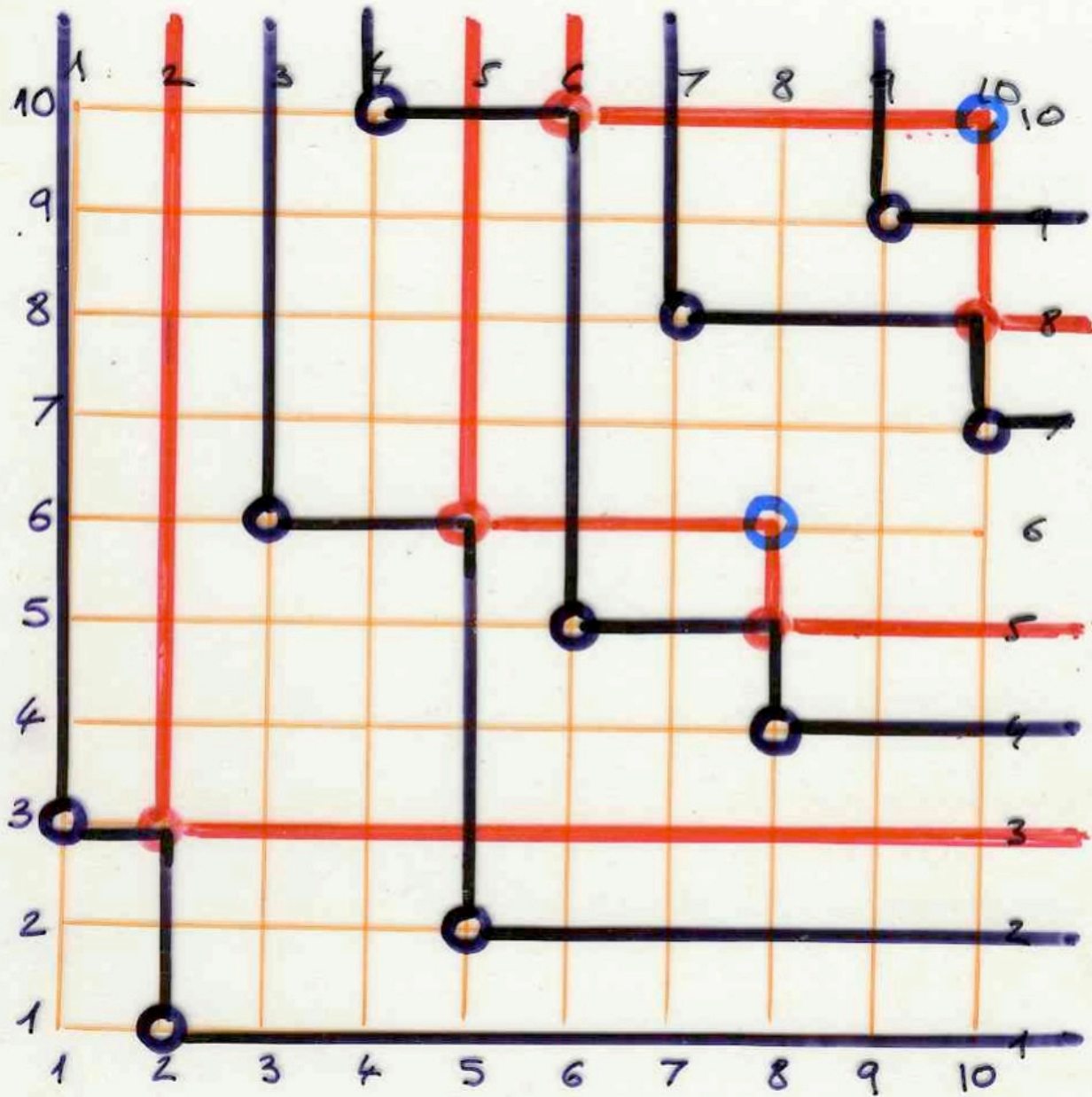
Répetons sur les points
rouges la construction
des bords d'ombres.



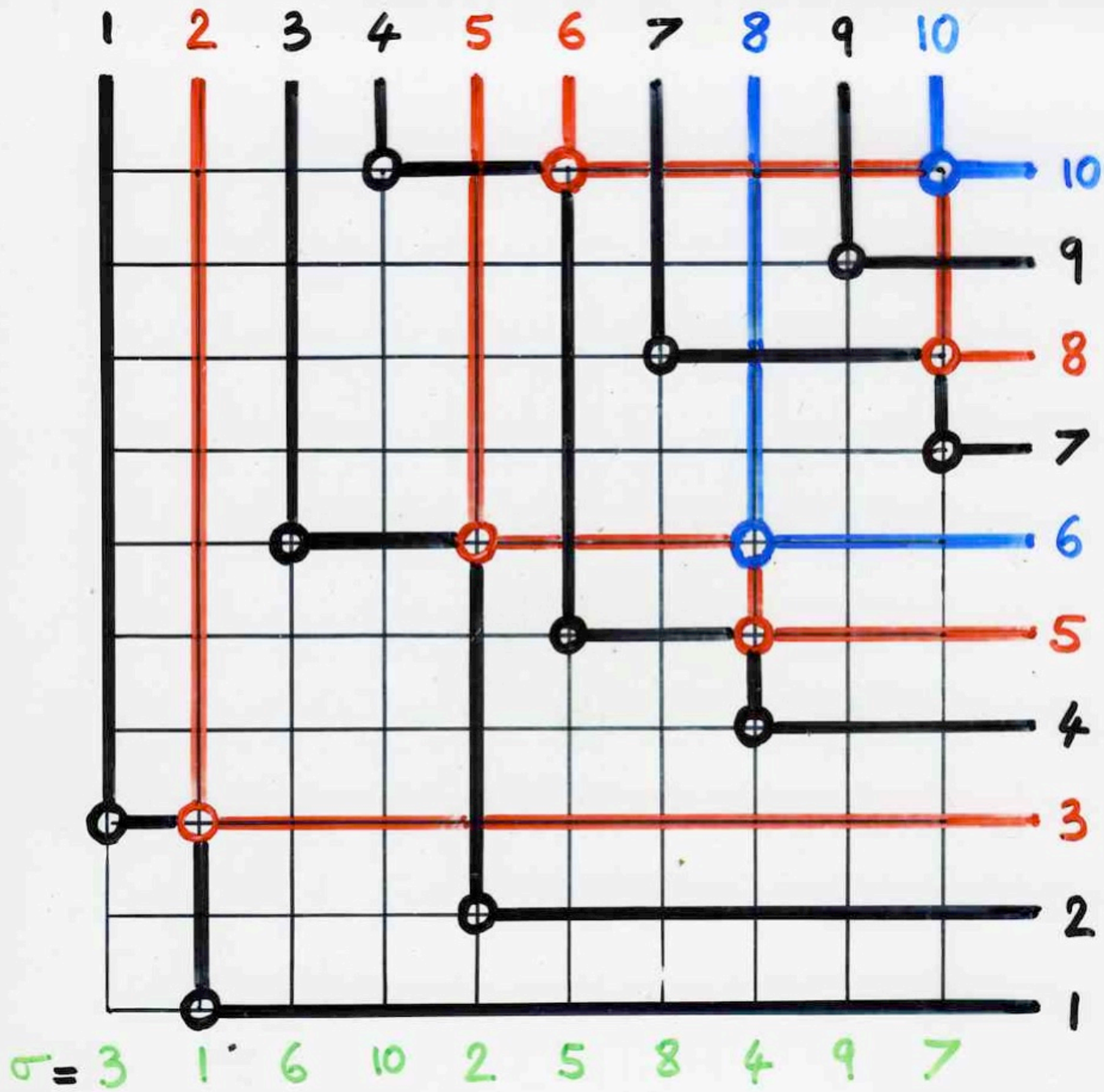
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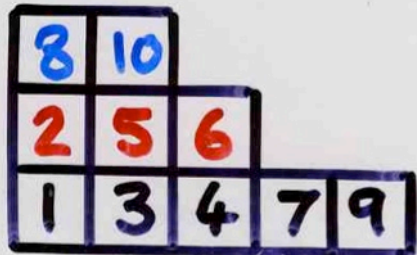
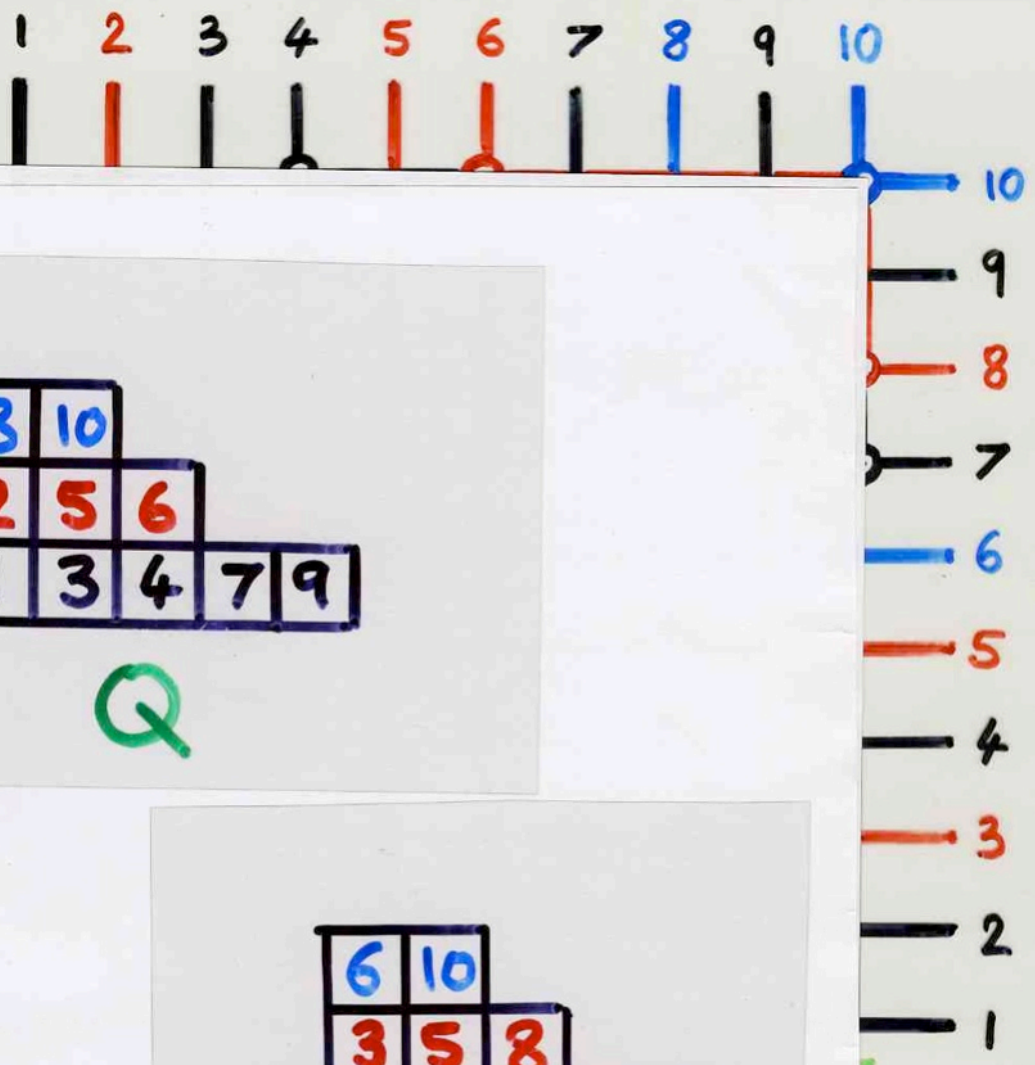


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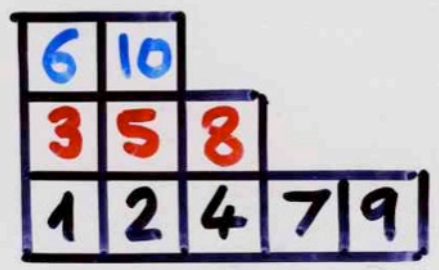


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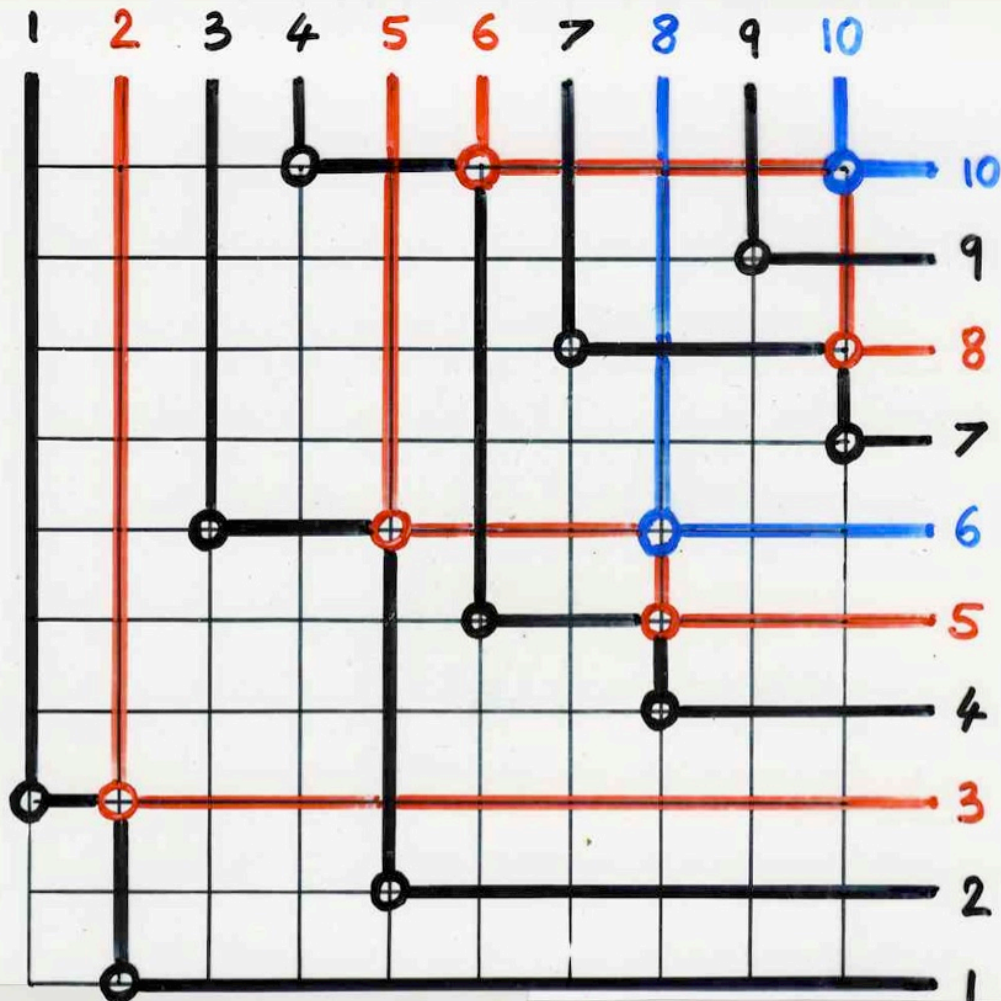
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Q



P



$\sigma = 3 \ 1 \ 6 \ 10 \ 2 \ 5 \ 8 \ 4 \ 9 \ 7$

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Q

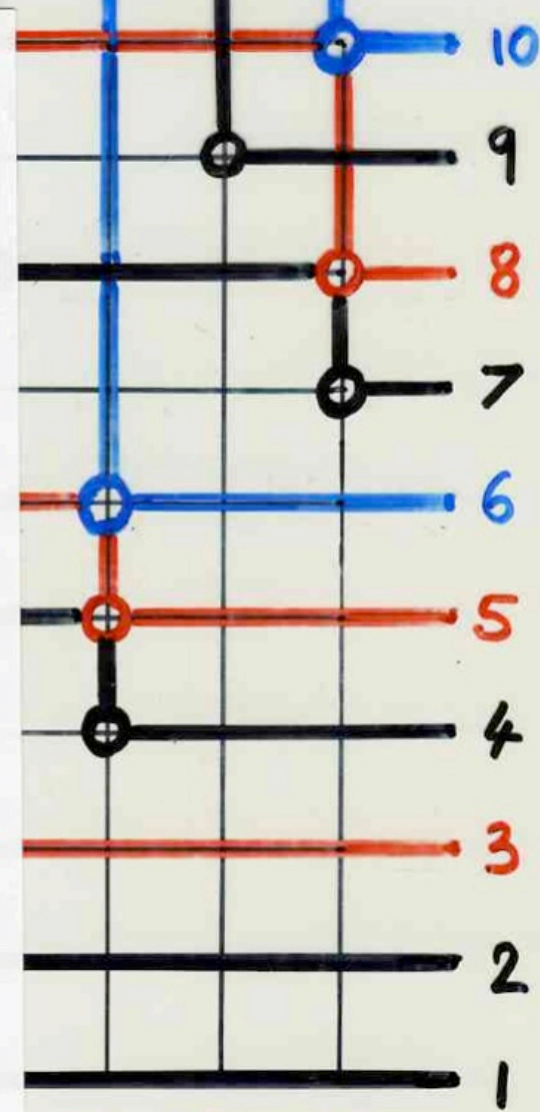
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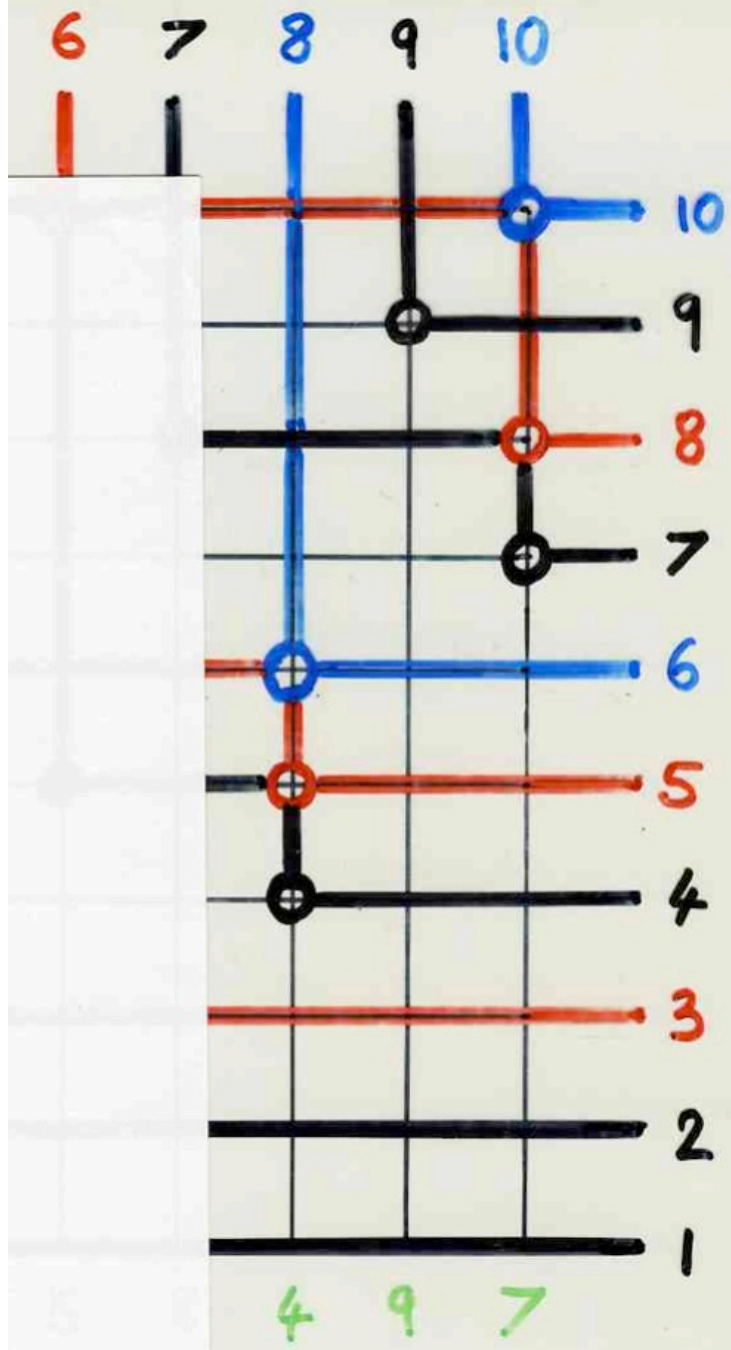
proof of the equivalence

insertions --- geometric construction

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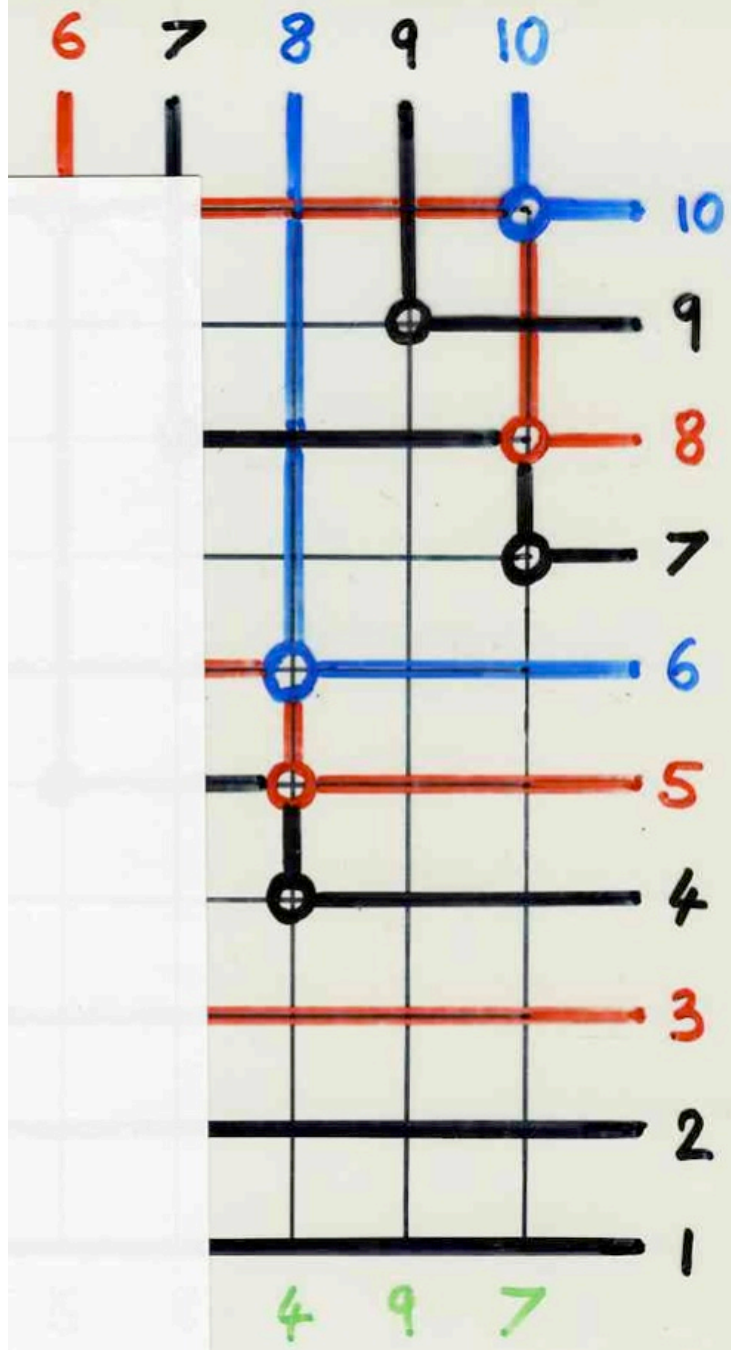
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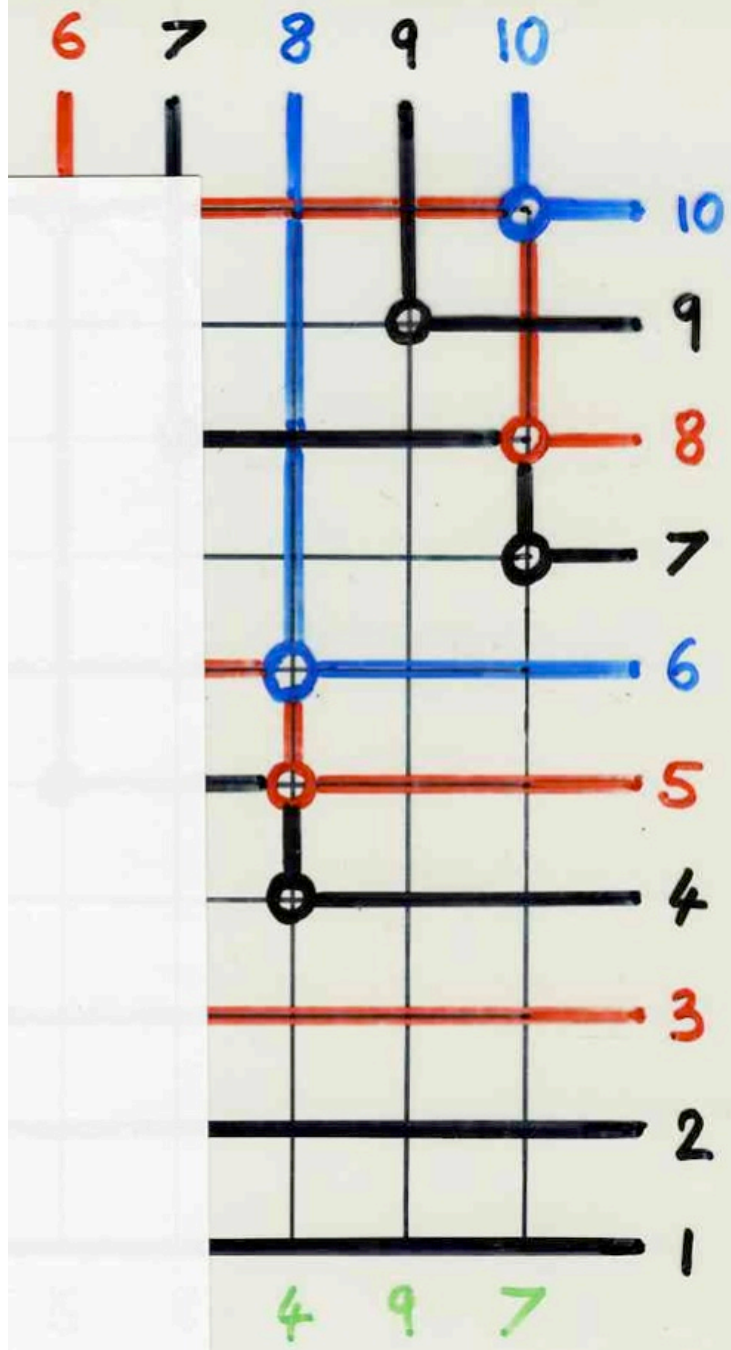
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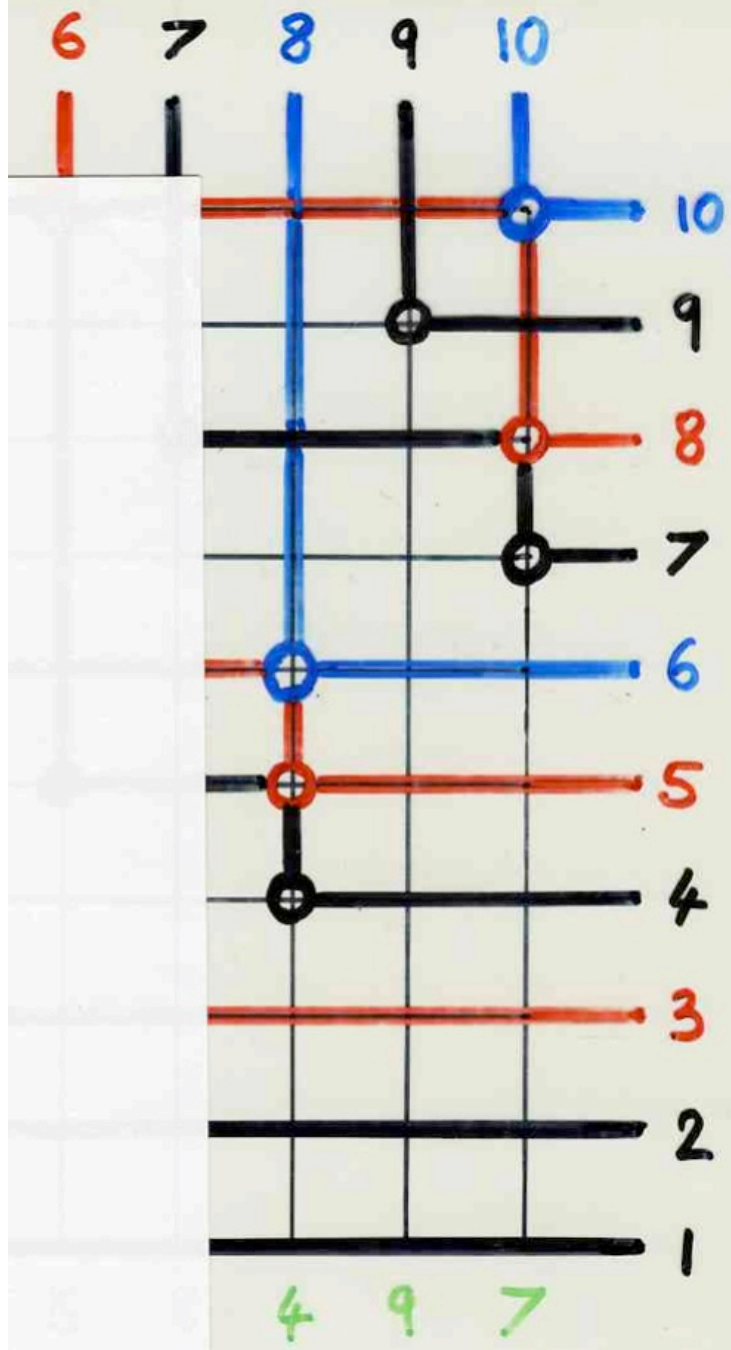


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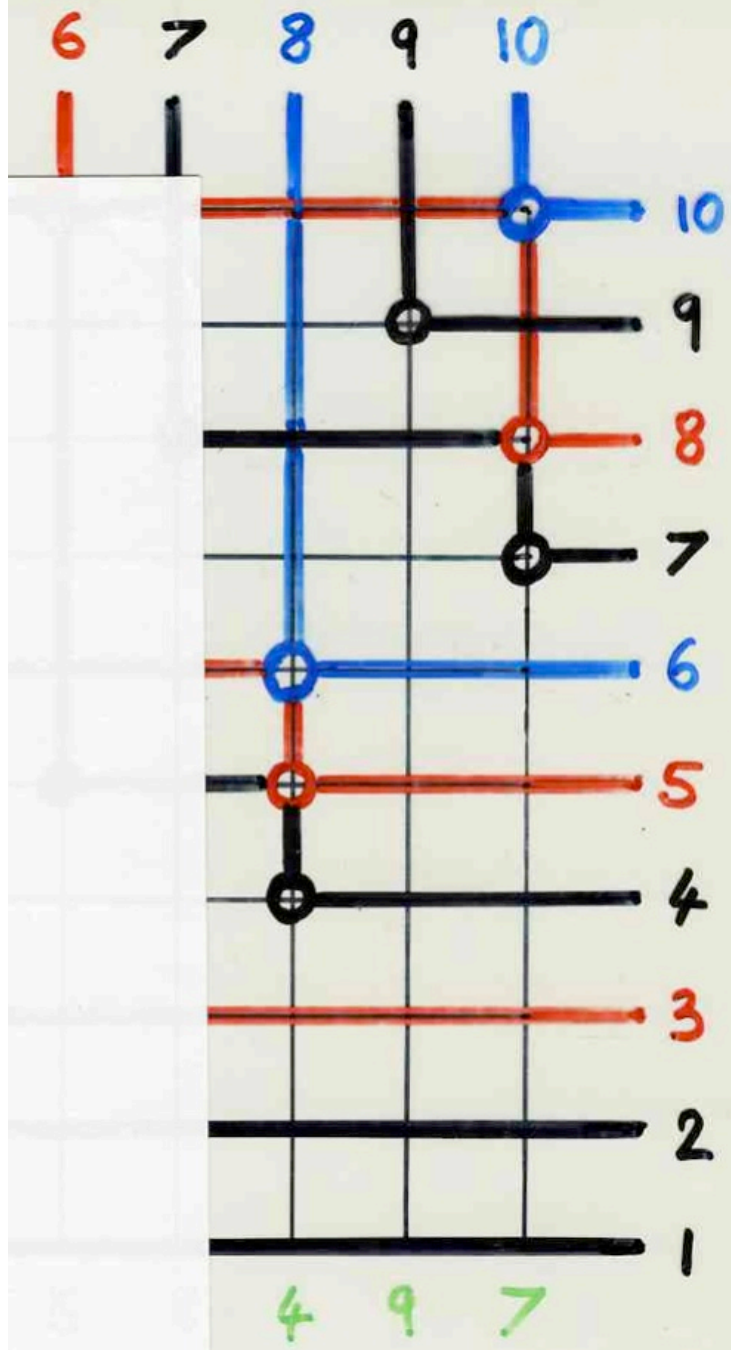


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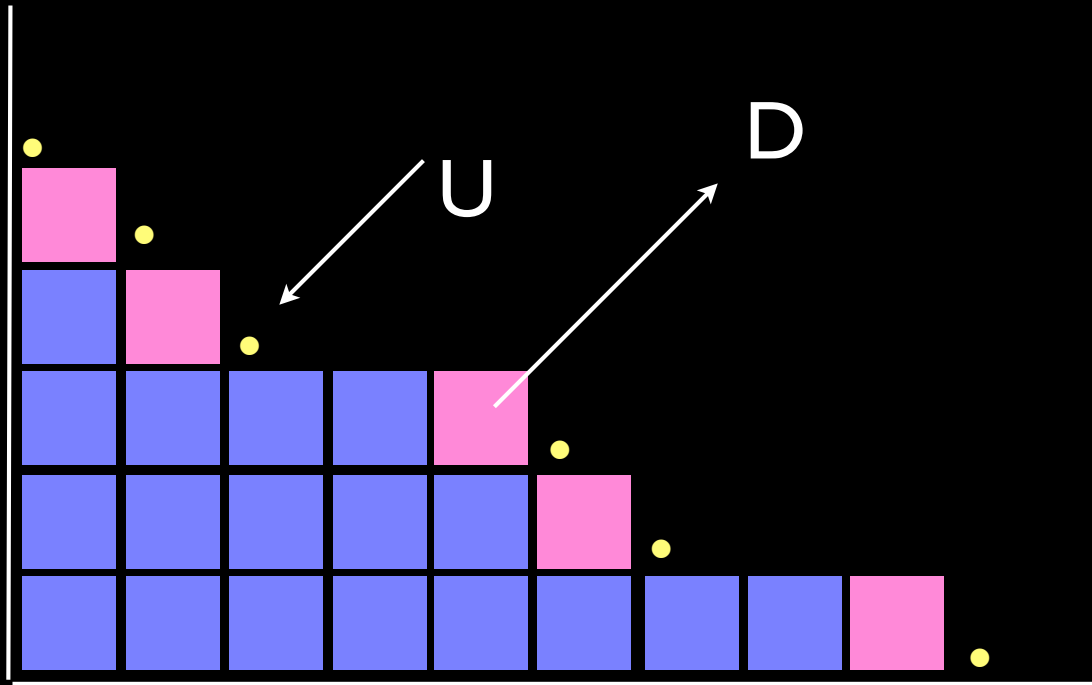
representation of the operators U, D



Sergey Fomin
(with C. K.)

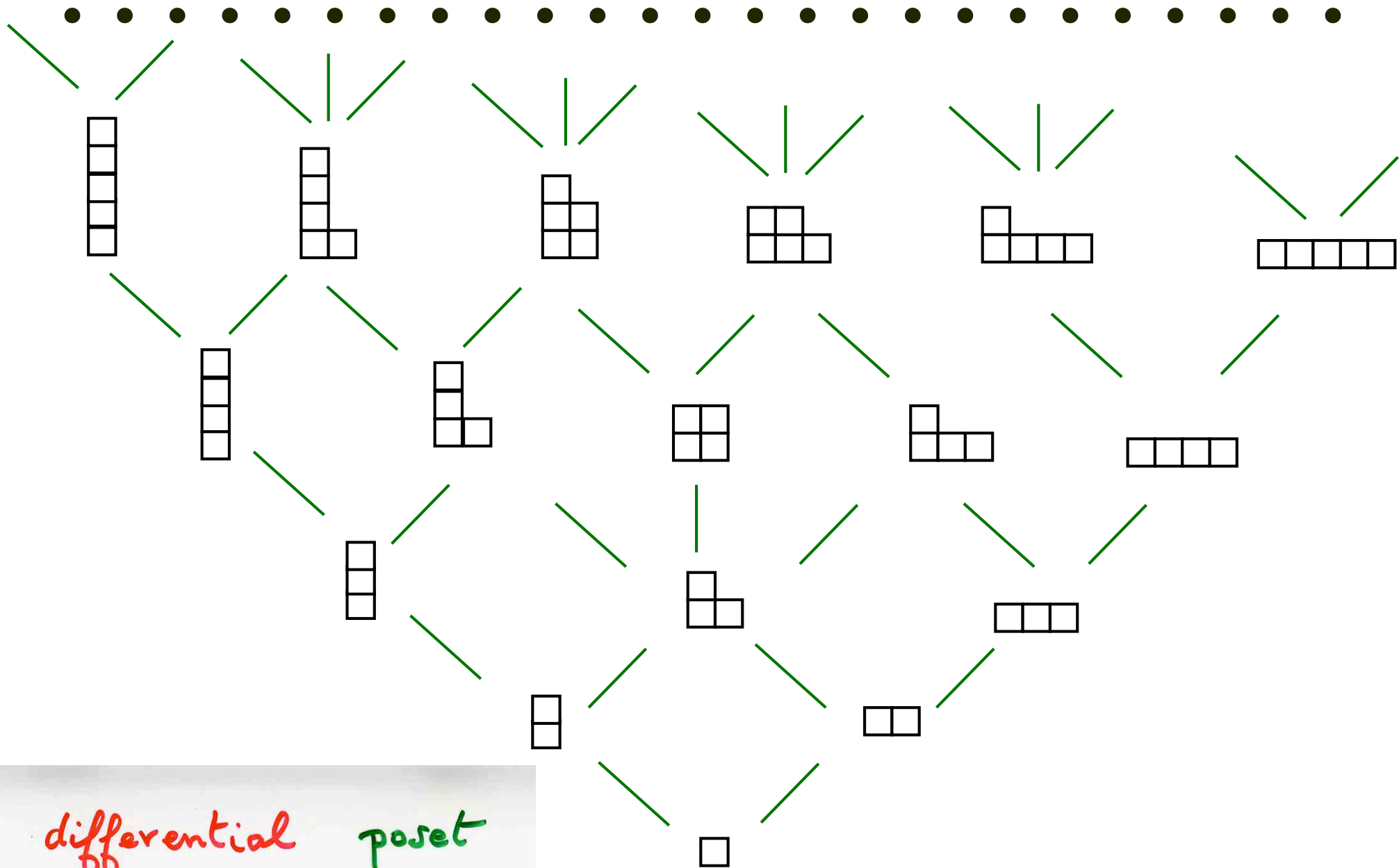
Operators U and D

adding
or deleting
a cell in
a Ferrers
diagram



Young lattice

Young lattice



differential poset

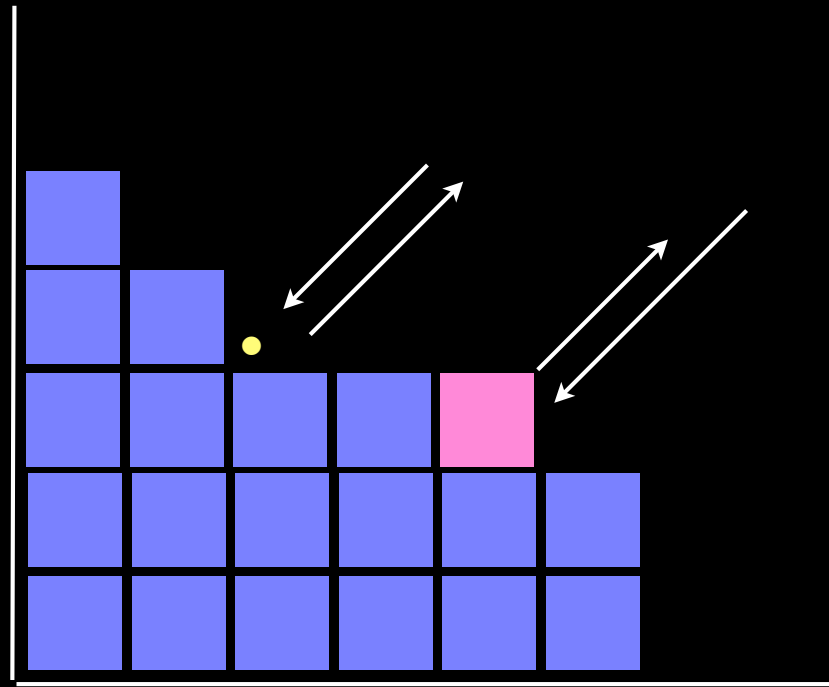
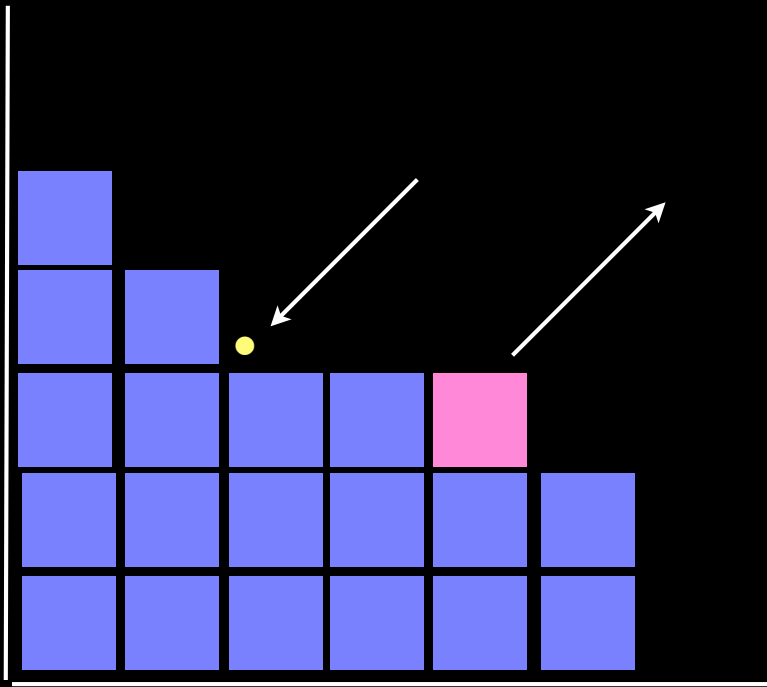
Fomin, Stanley

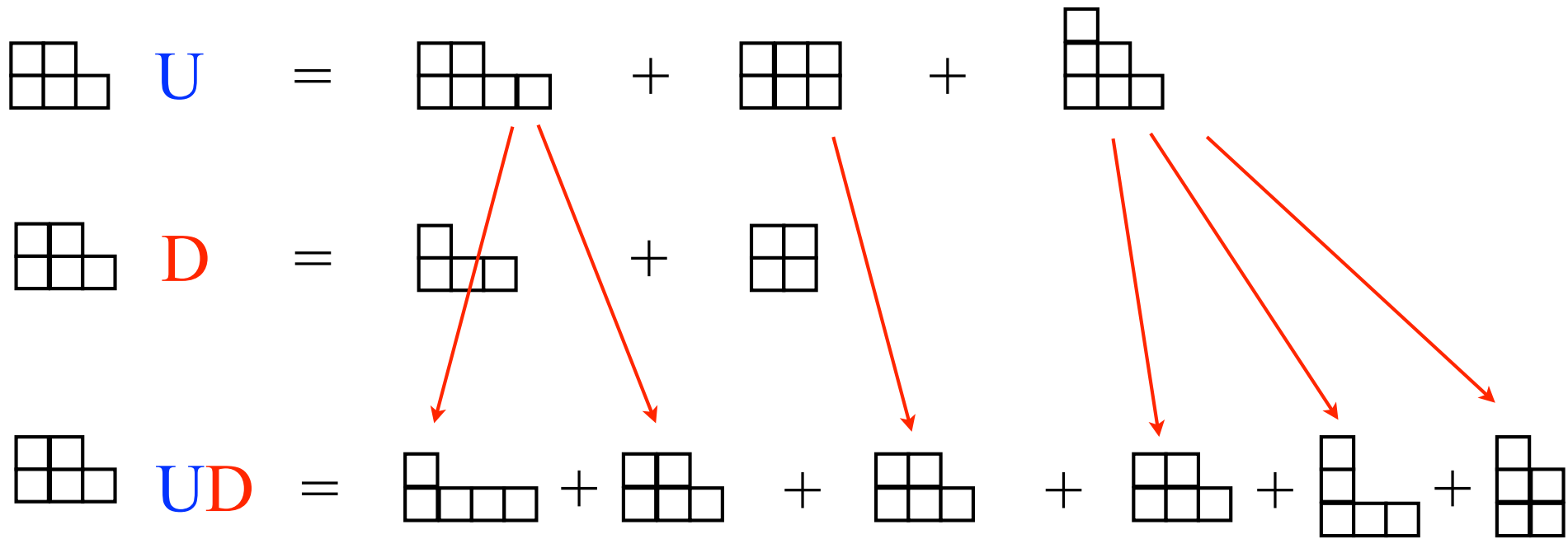
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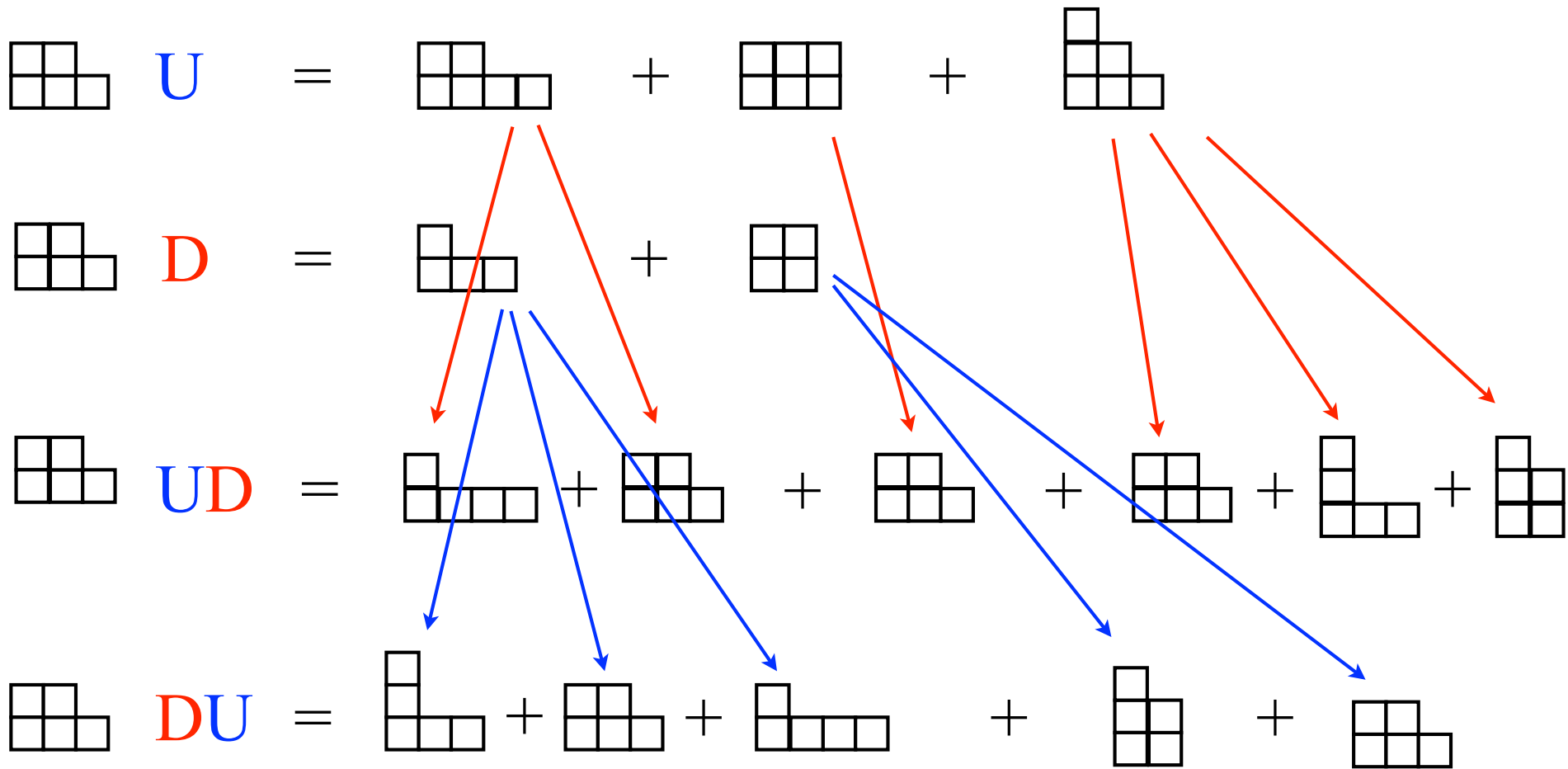
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Heisenberg commutation relation

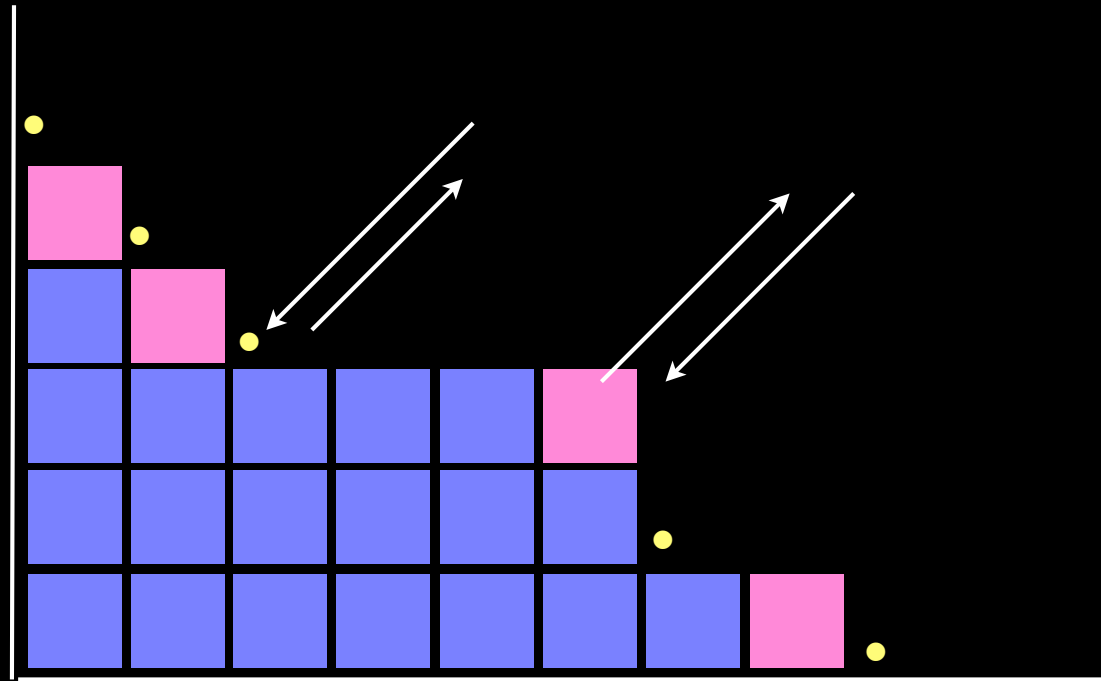
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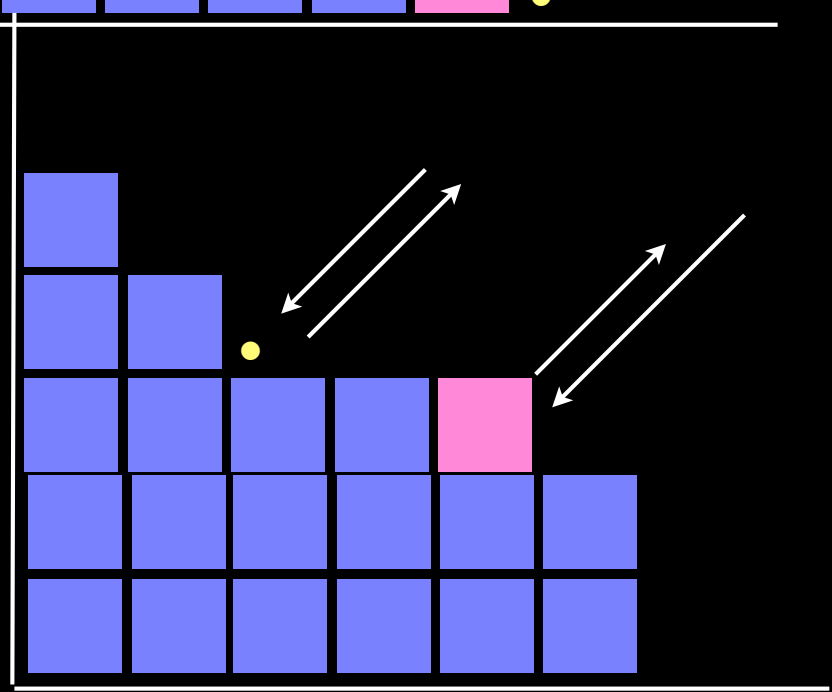
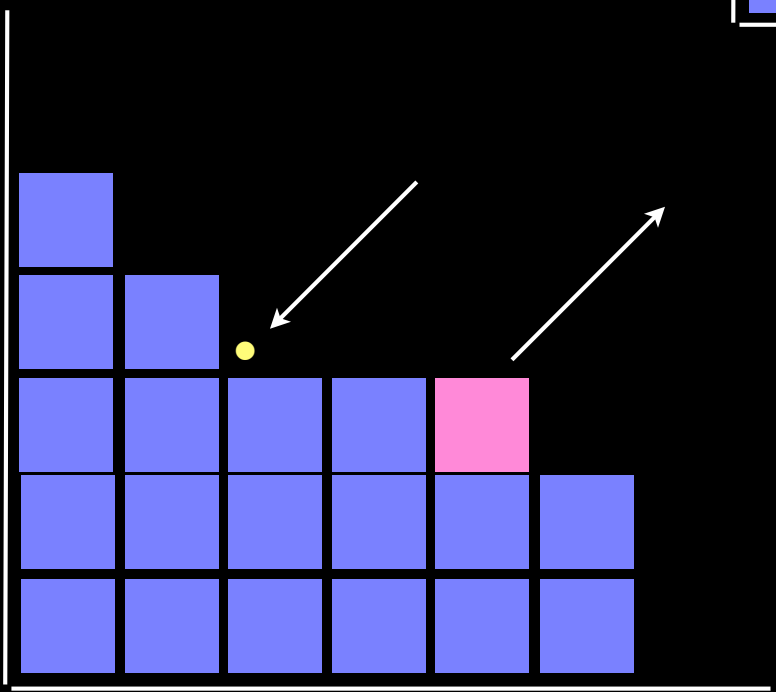
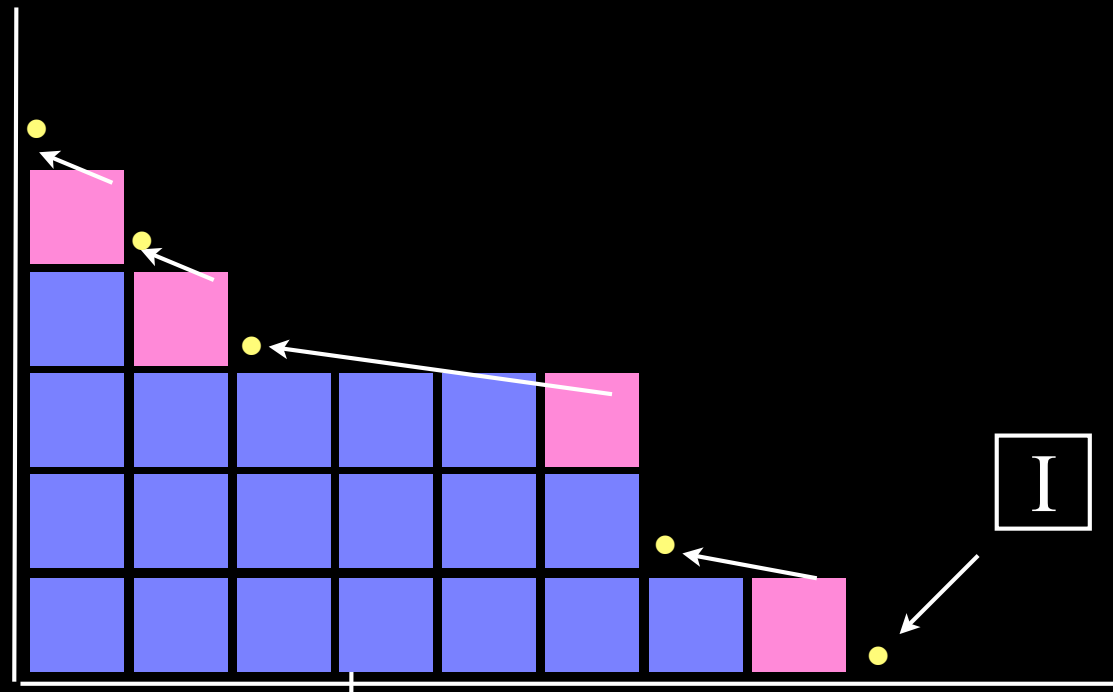


The cellular Ansatz
second part:

guided construction
of a bijection
(from the representation of U and D)

combinatorial "representation" of the
commutation relation $UD = DU + I$

$$UD = DU + I$$



Commutation diagrams

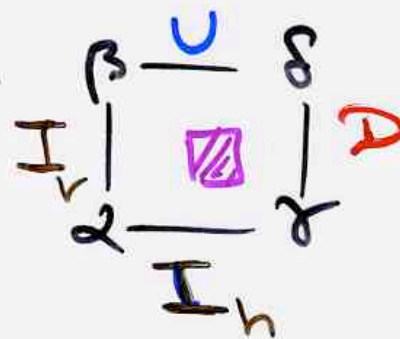
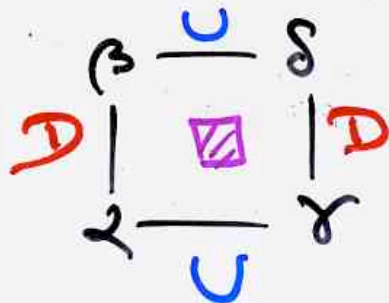
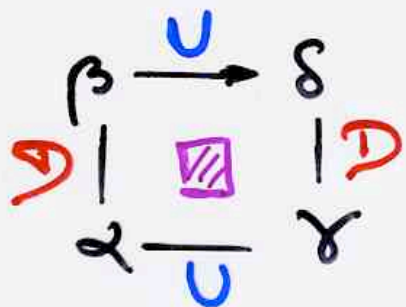
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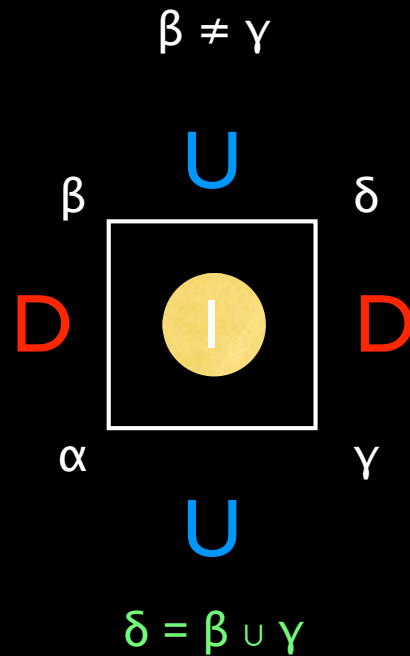
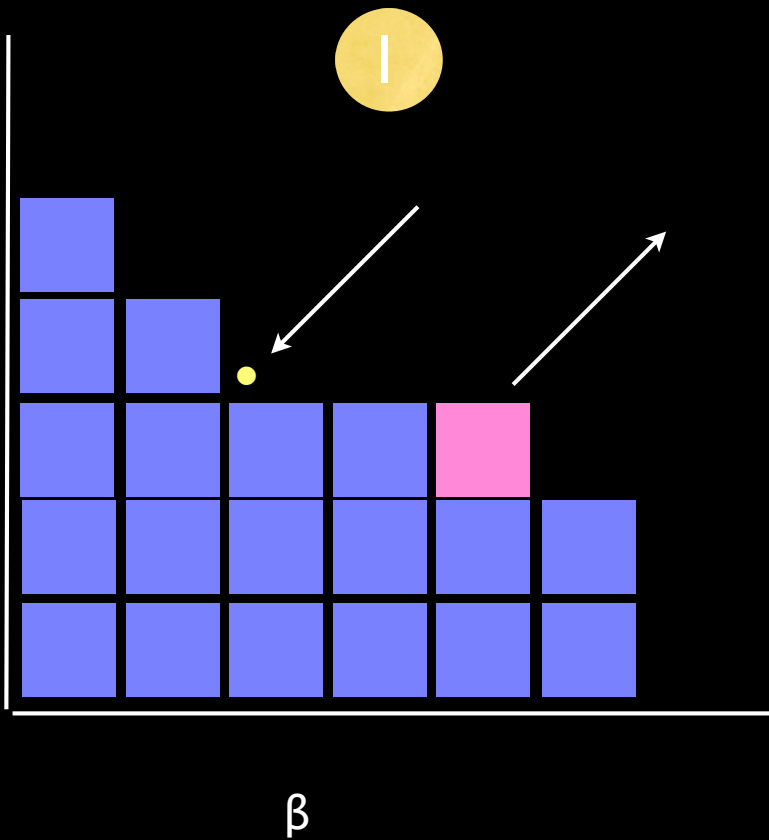
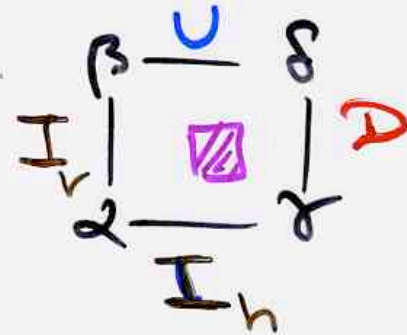
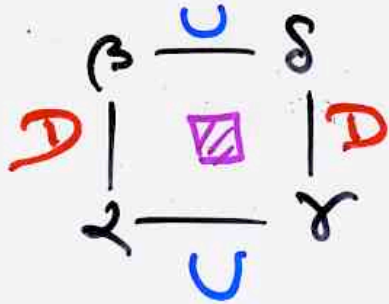
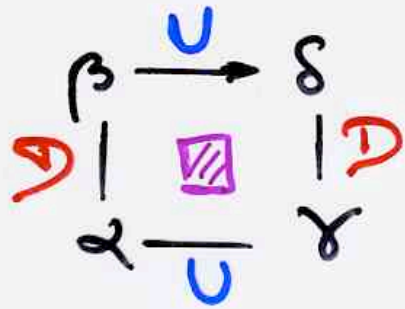
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ Ferrers diagrams

label of the rewriting rule

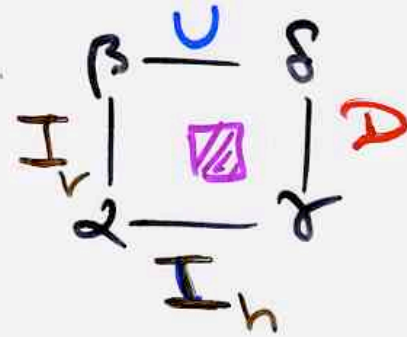
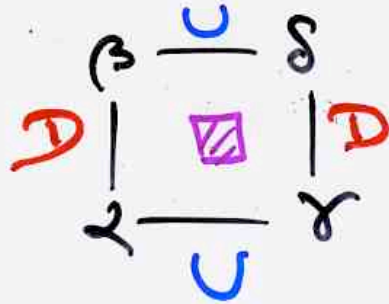
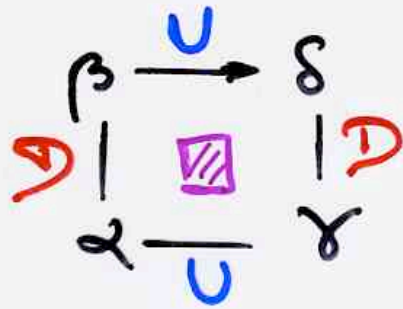
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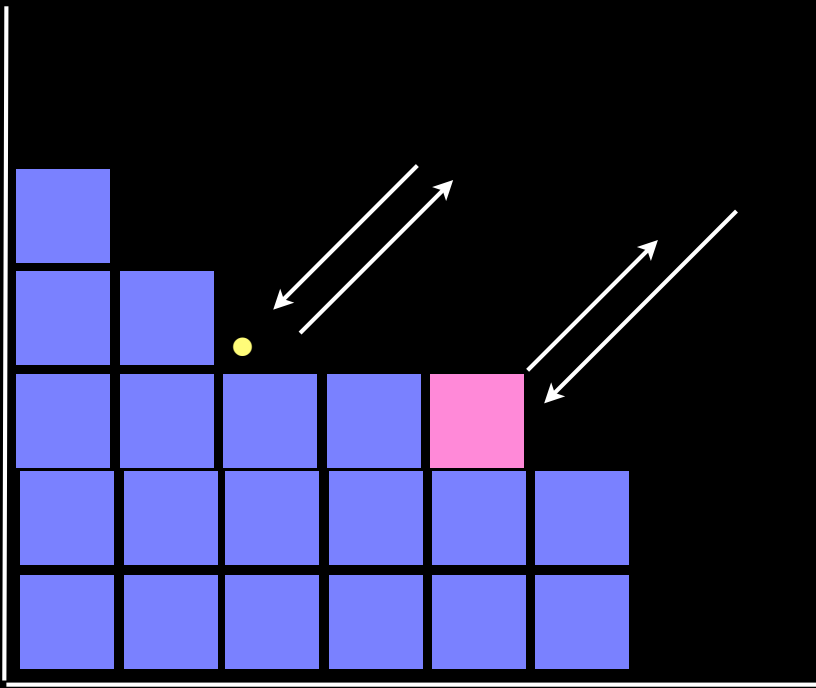
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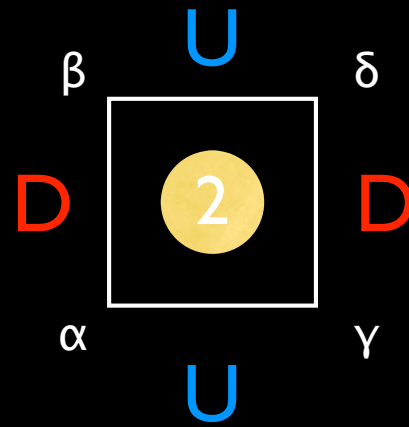


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$$\beta = \gamma$$

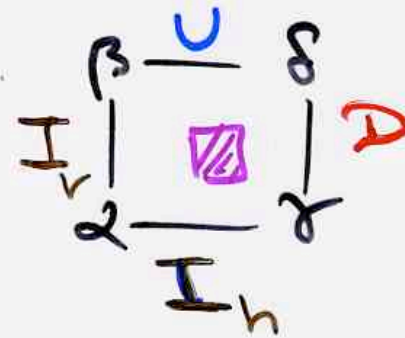
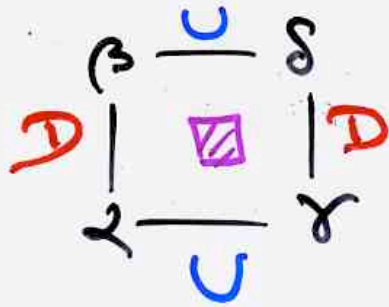
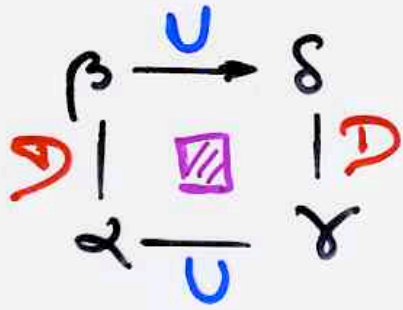
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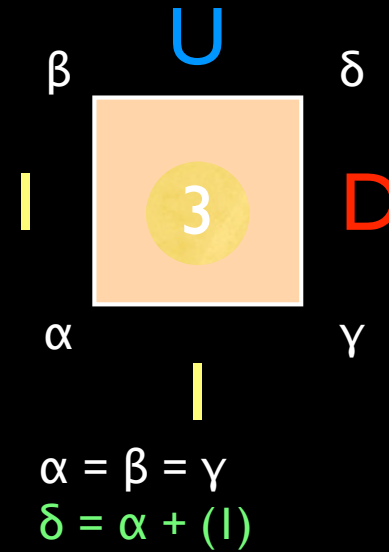
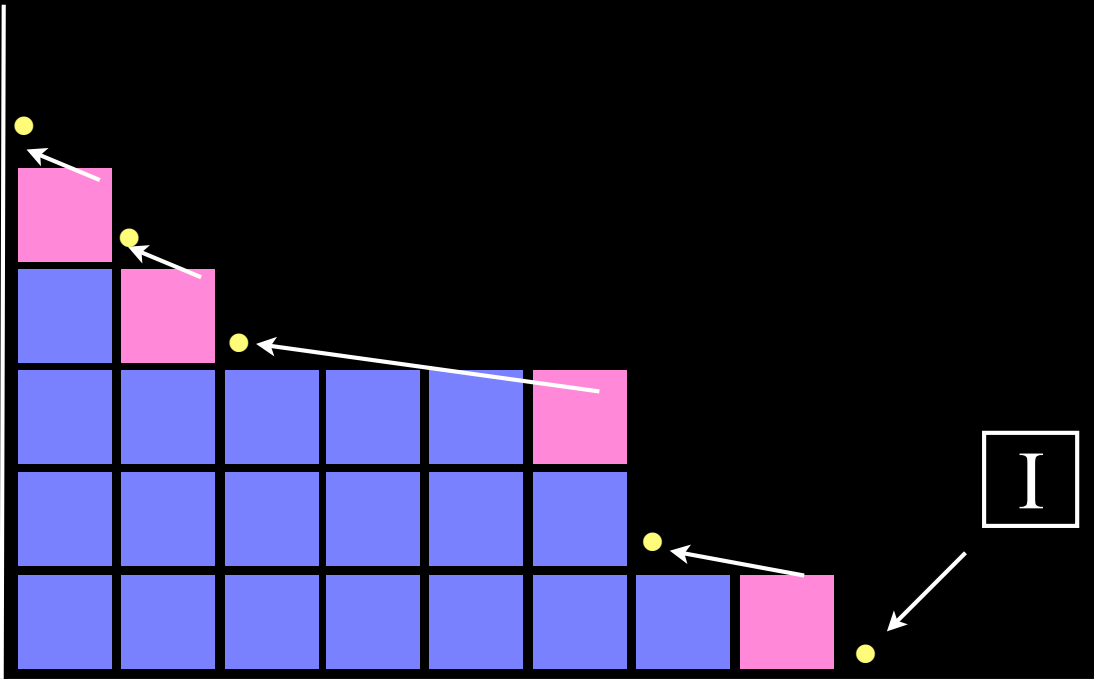
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$$UD = DU + I_v I_h$$

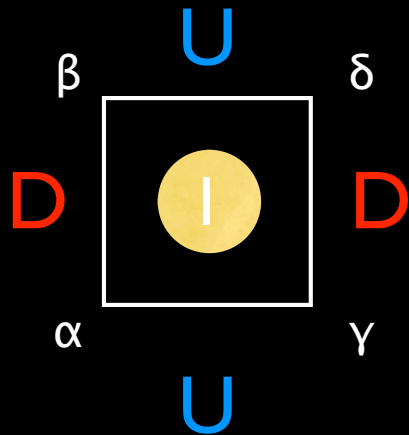


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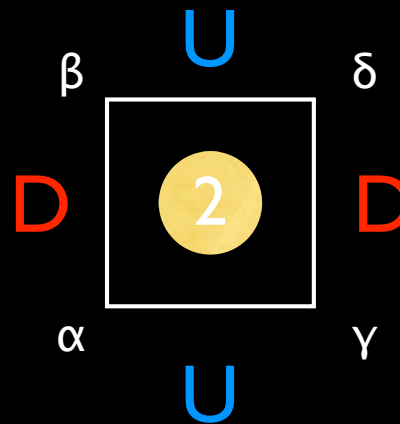
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$\beta \neq \gamma$

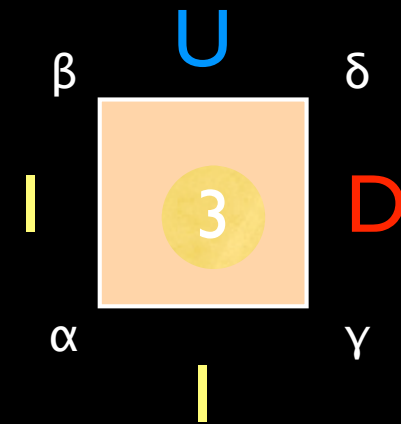


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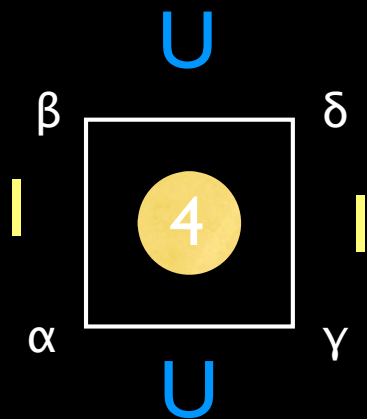
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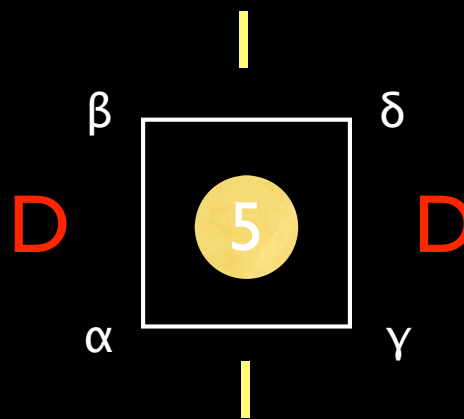
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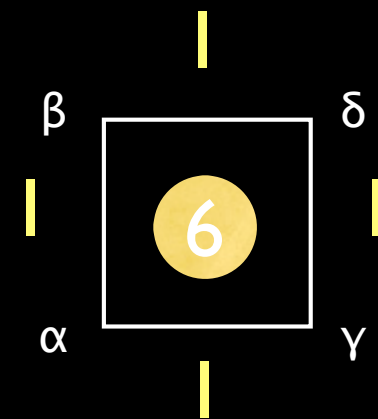
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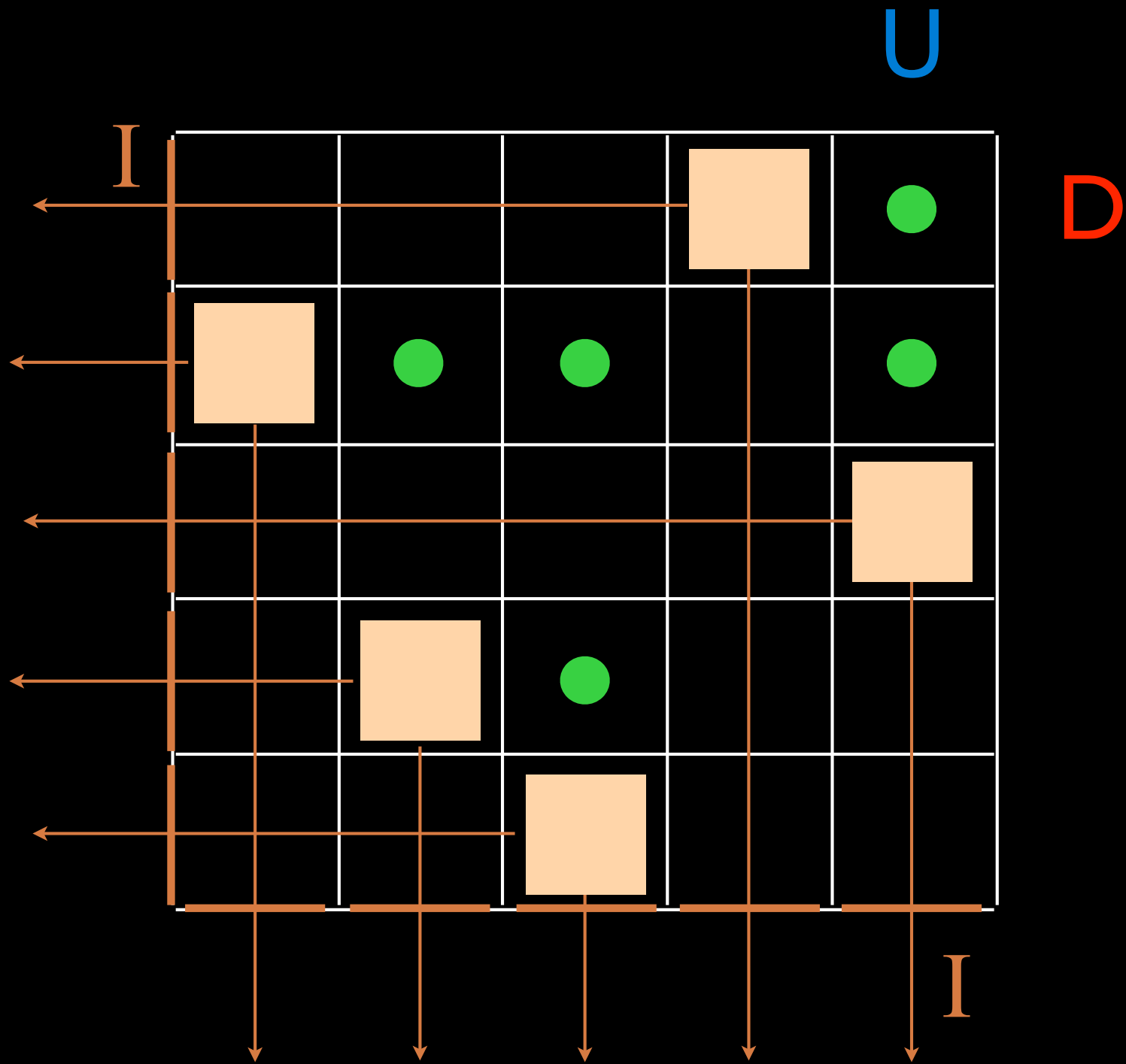
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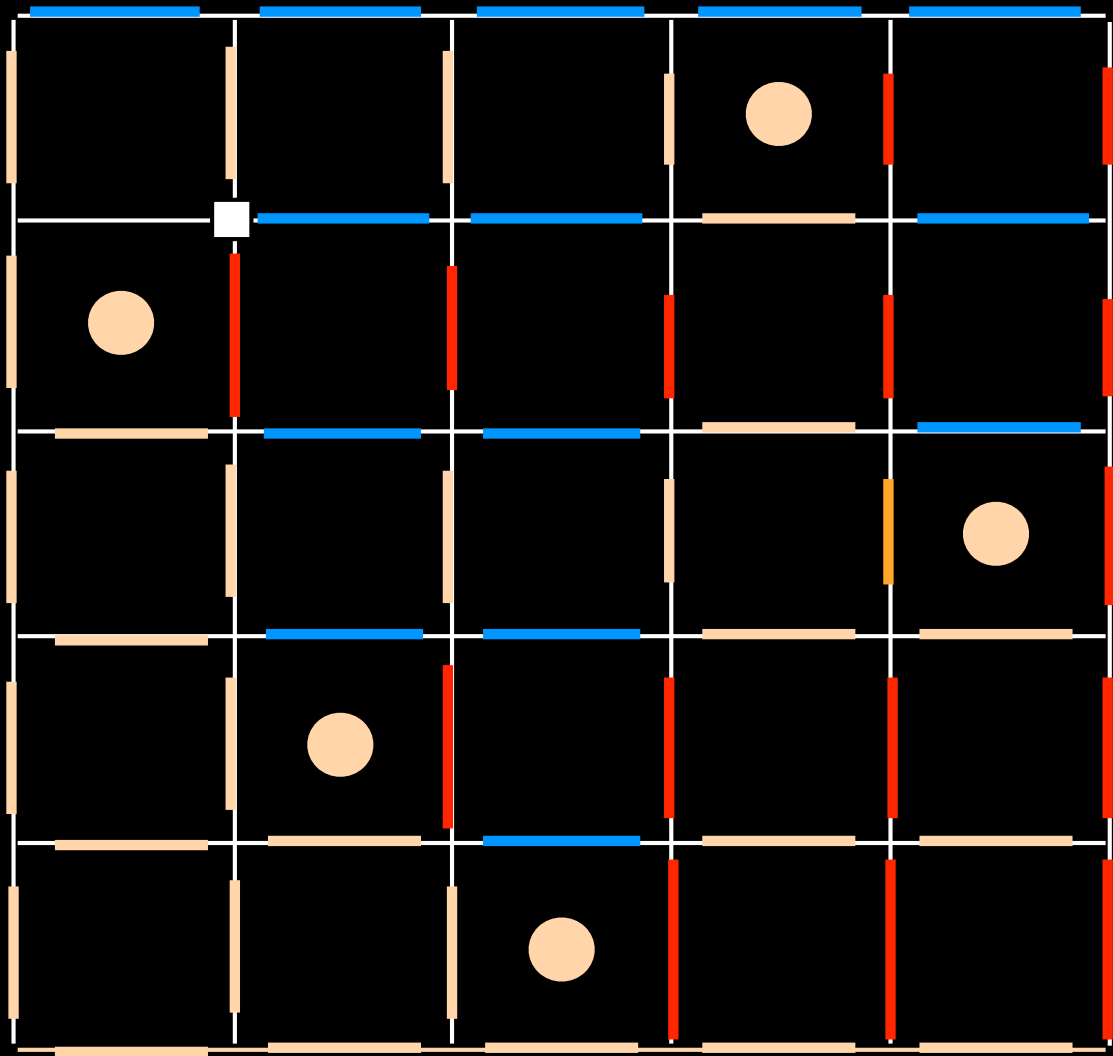
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$\delta = \alpha = \beta = \gamma$



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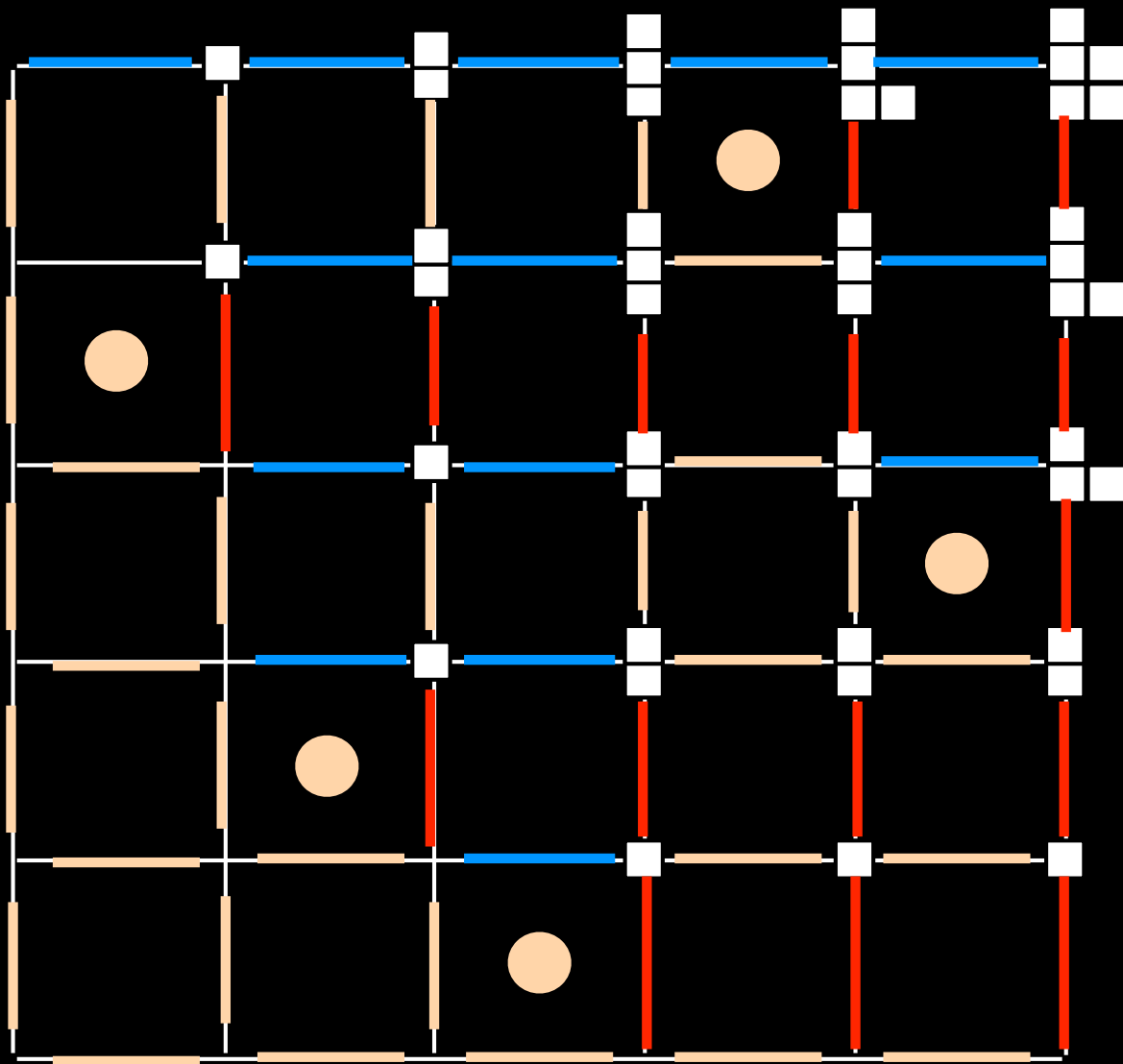


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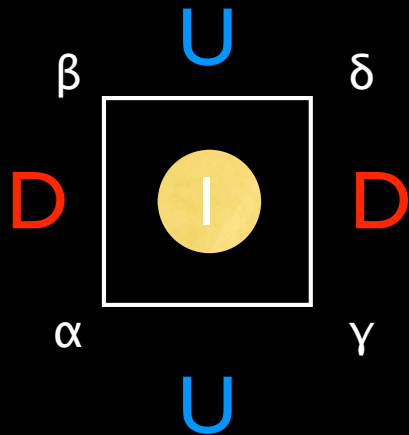
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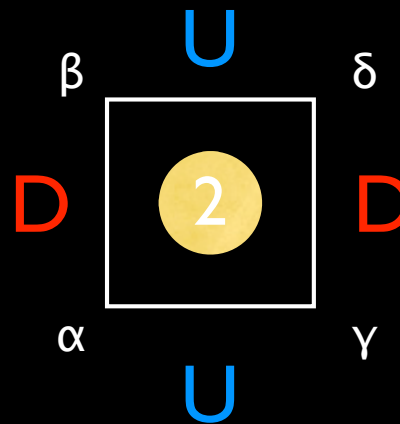
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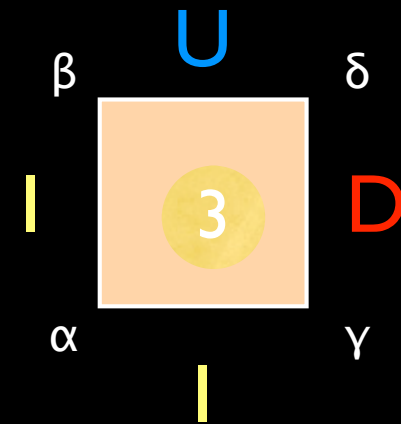


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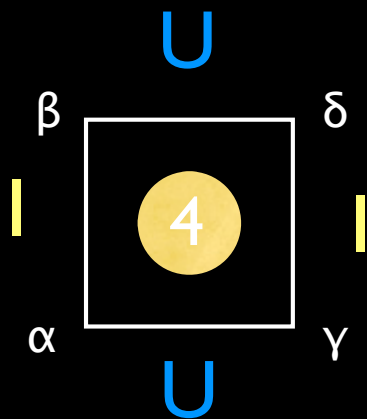
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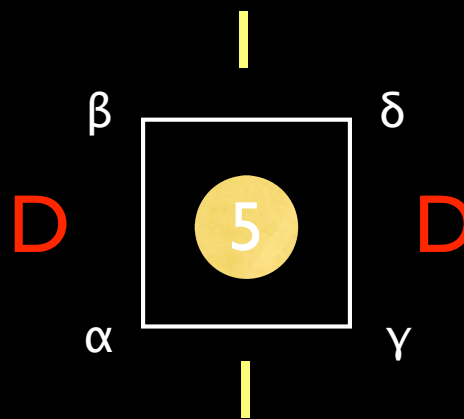
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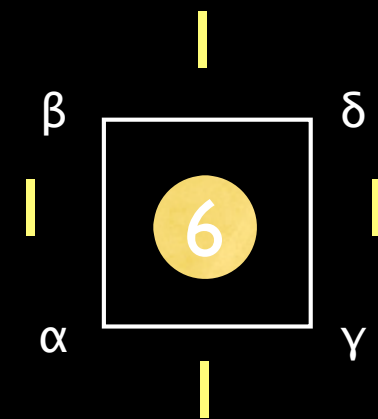
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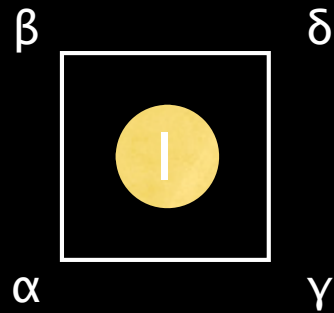


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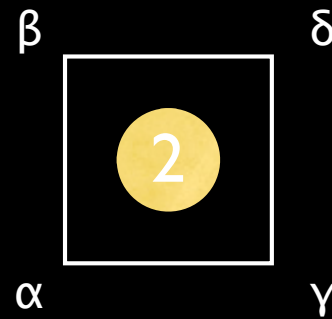
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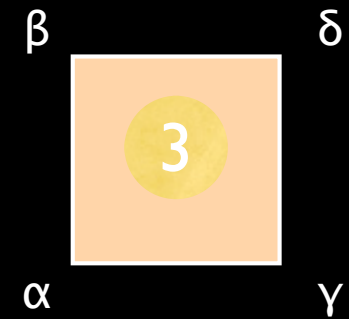
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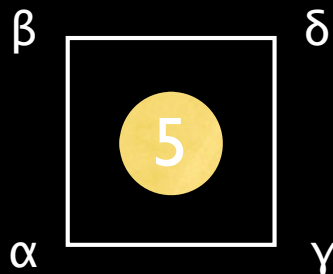
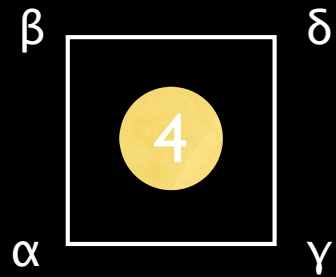


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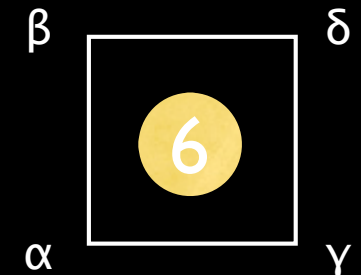
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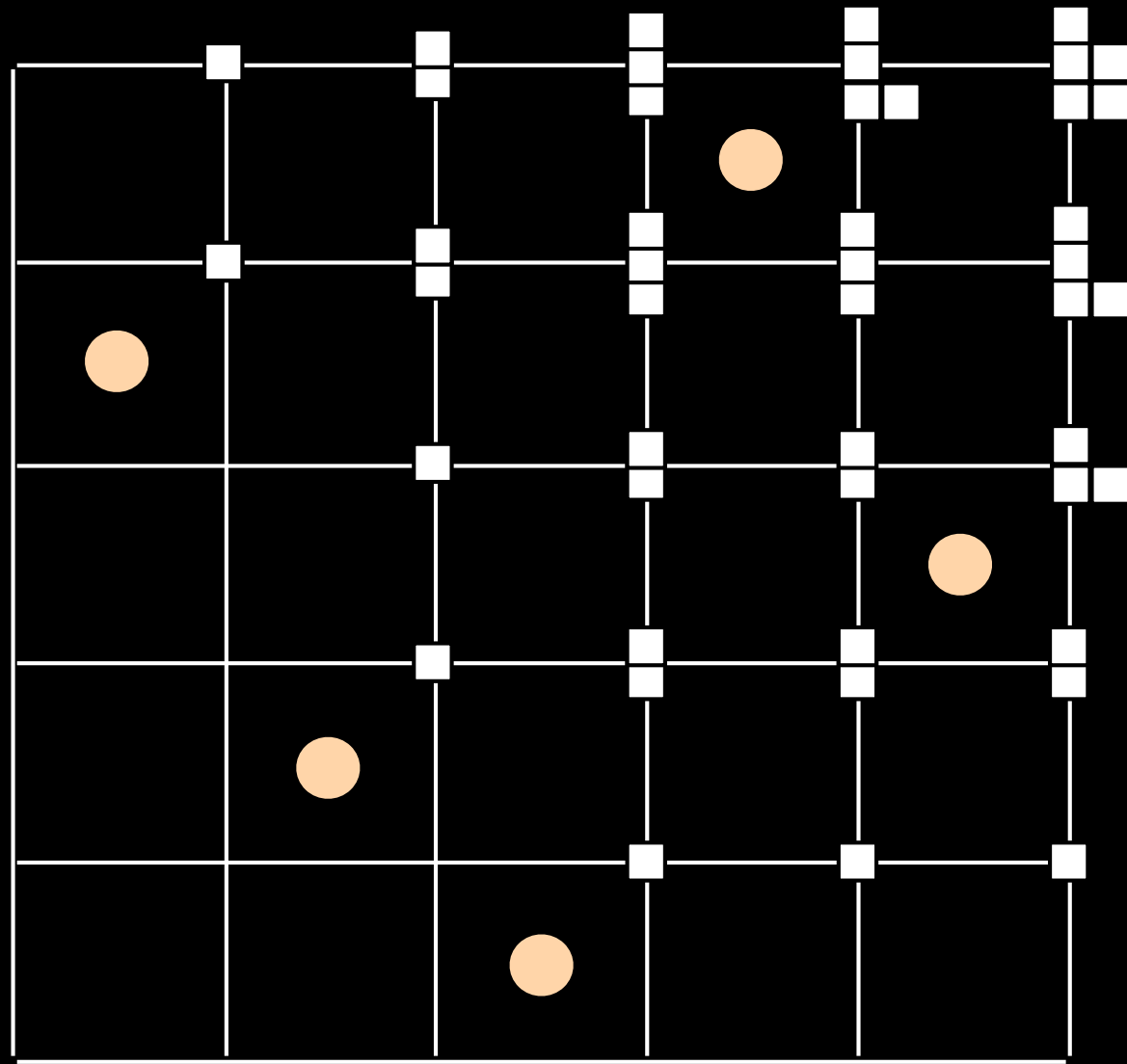
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RSK with
Fomin's
"local rules"

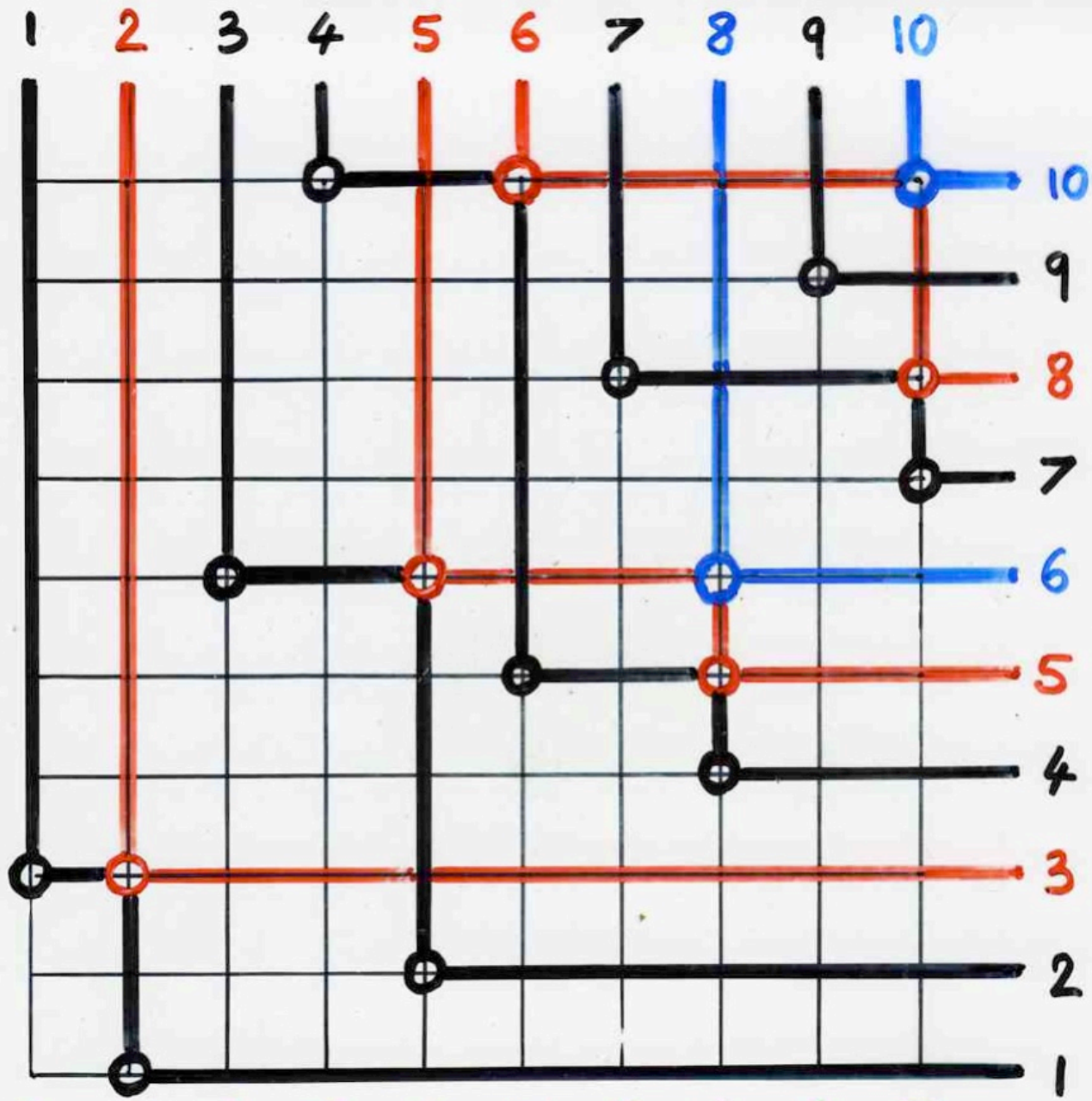
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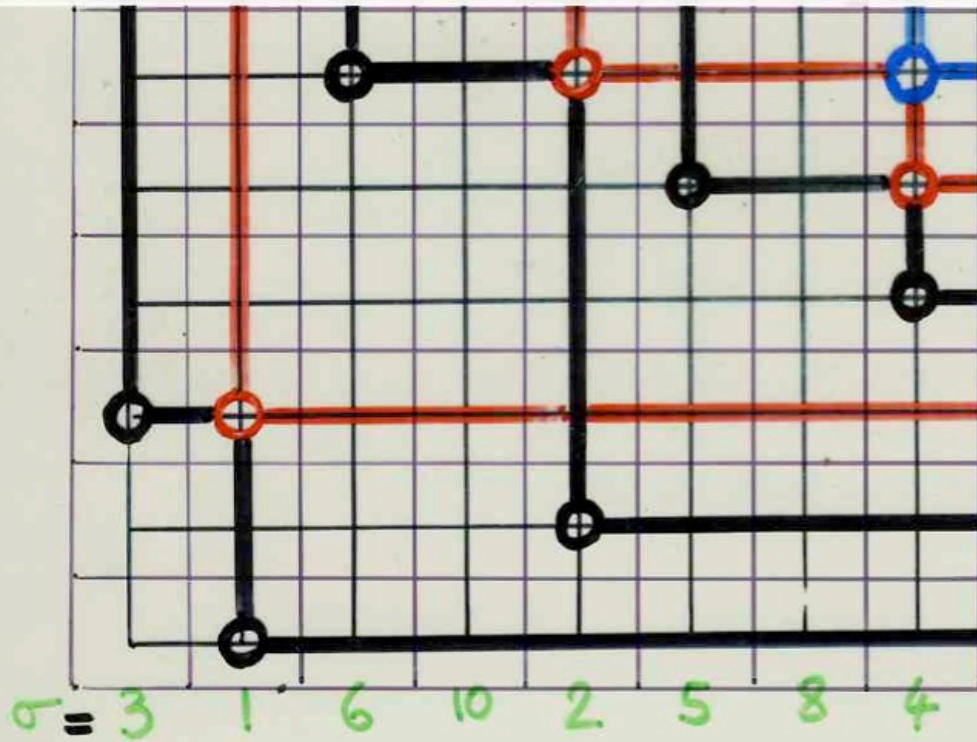
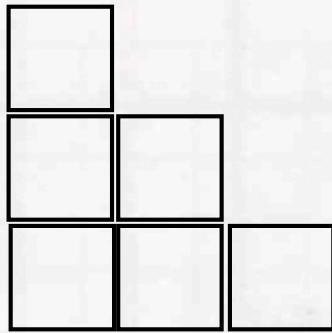
Sergey Fomin
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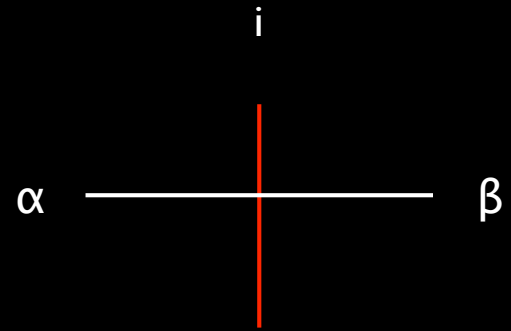
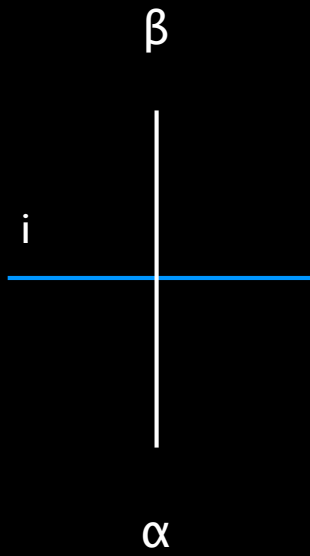
local RSK and geometric RSK

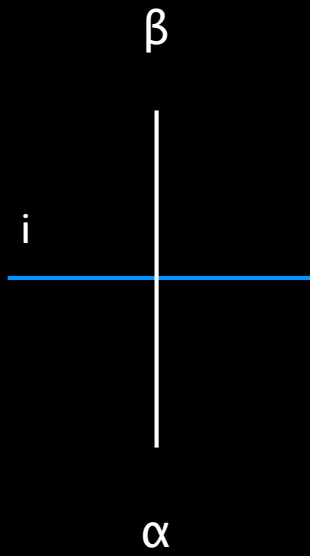
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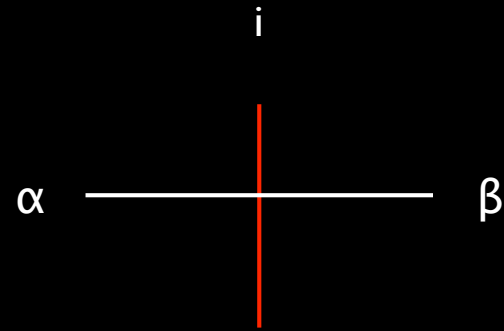
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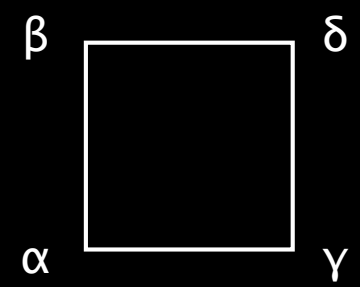
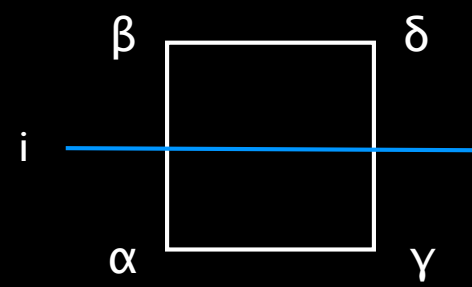
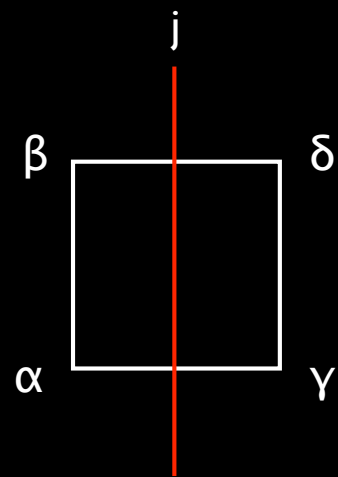
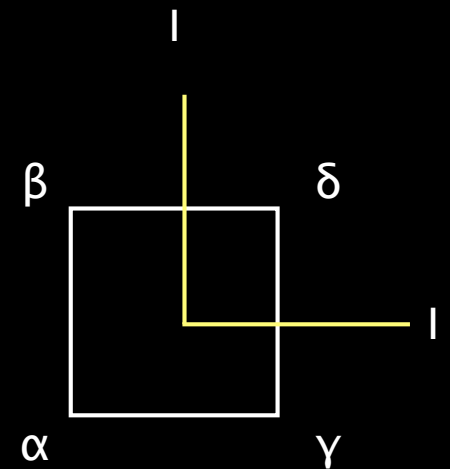
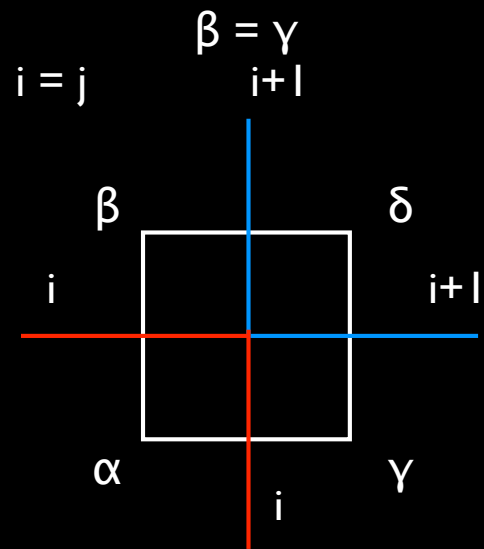
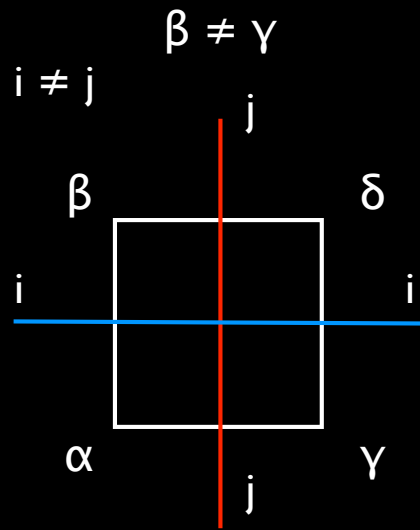


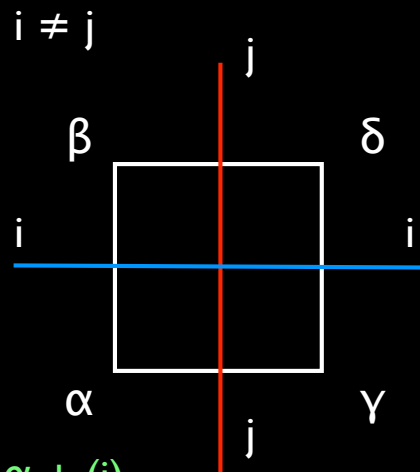




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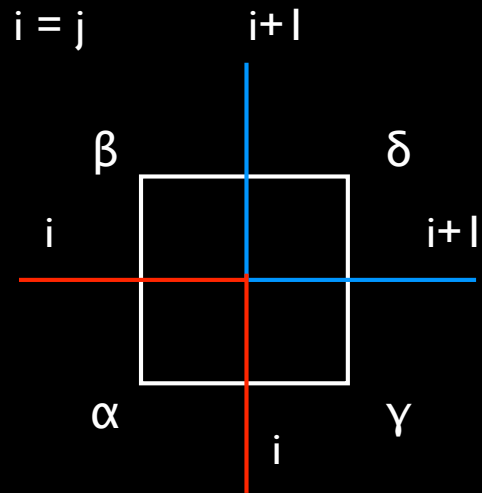




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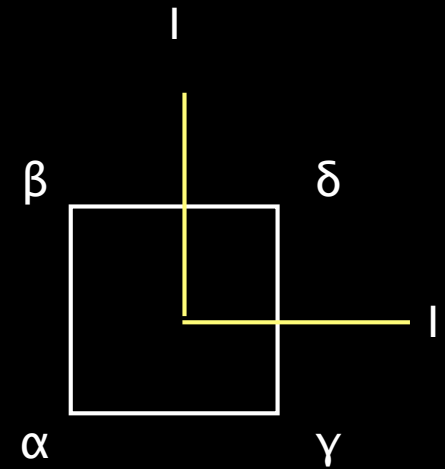
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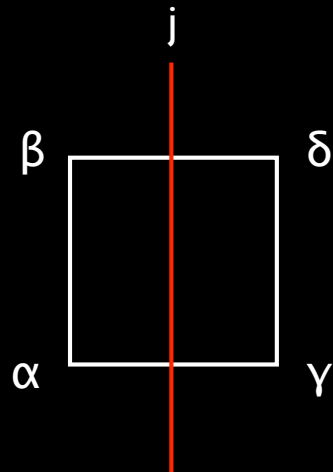
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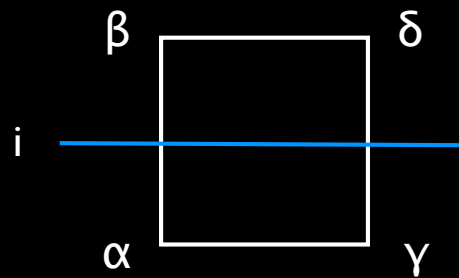
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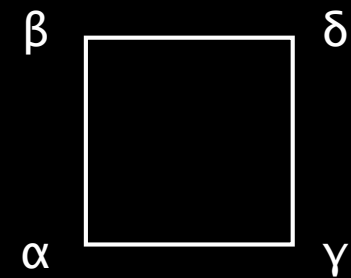
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$$\gamma = \alpha$$

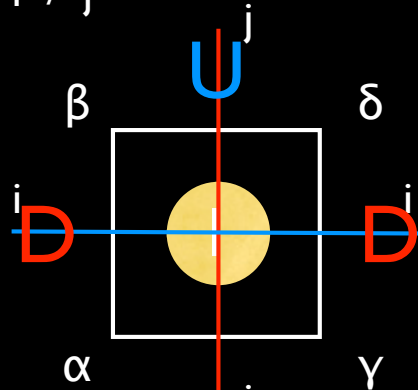
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$$\delta = \beta = \gamma = \alpha$$

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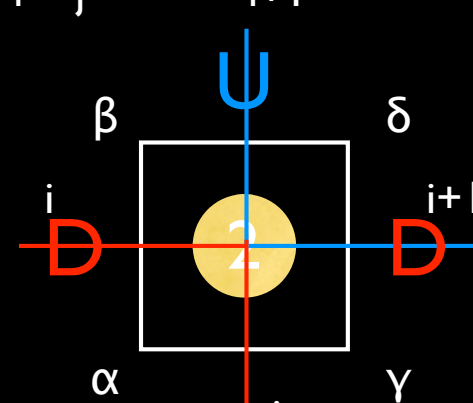
$i \neq j$



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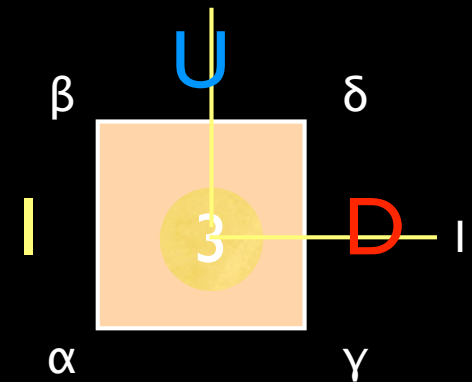
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$i = j$



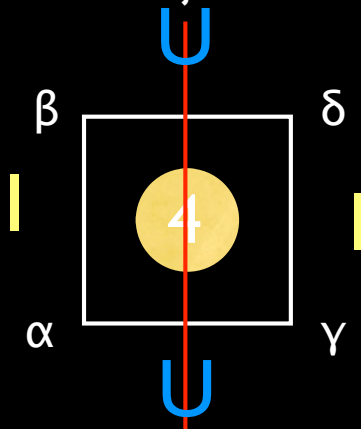
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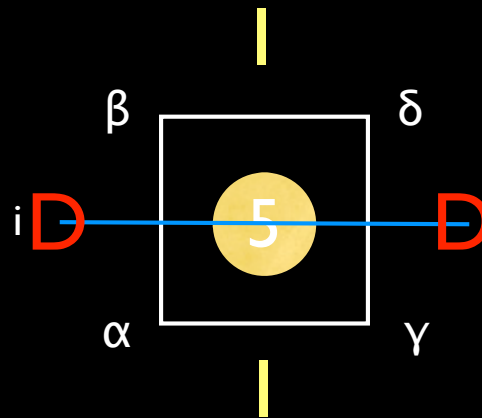
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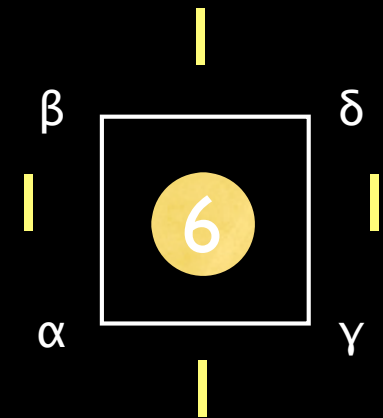
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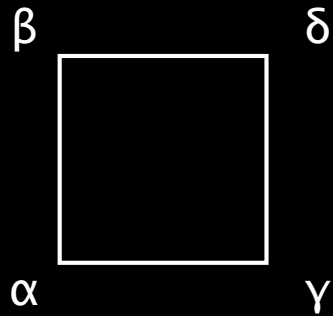
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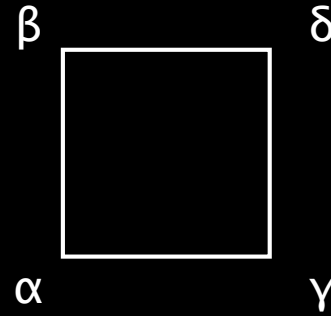
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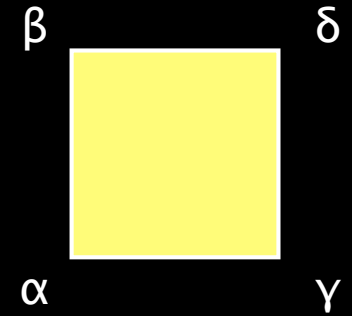
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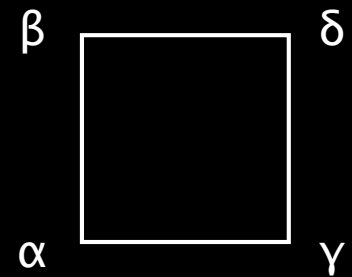
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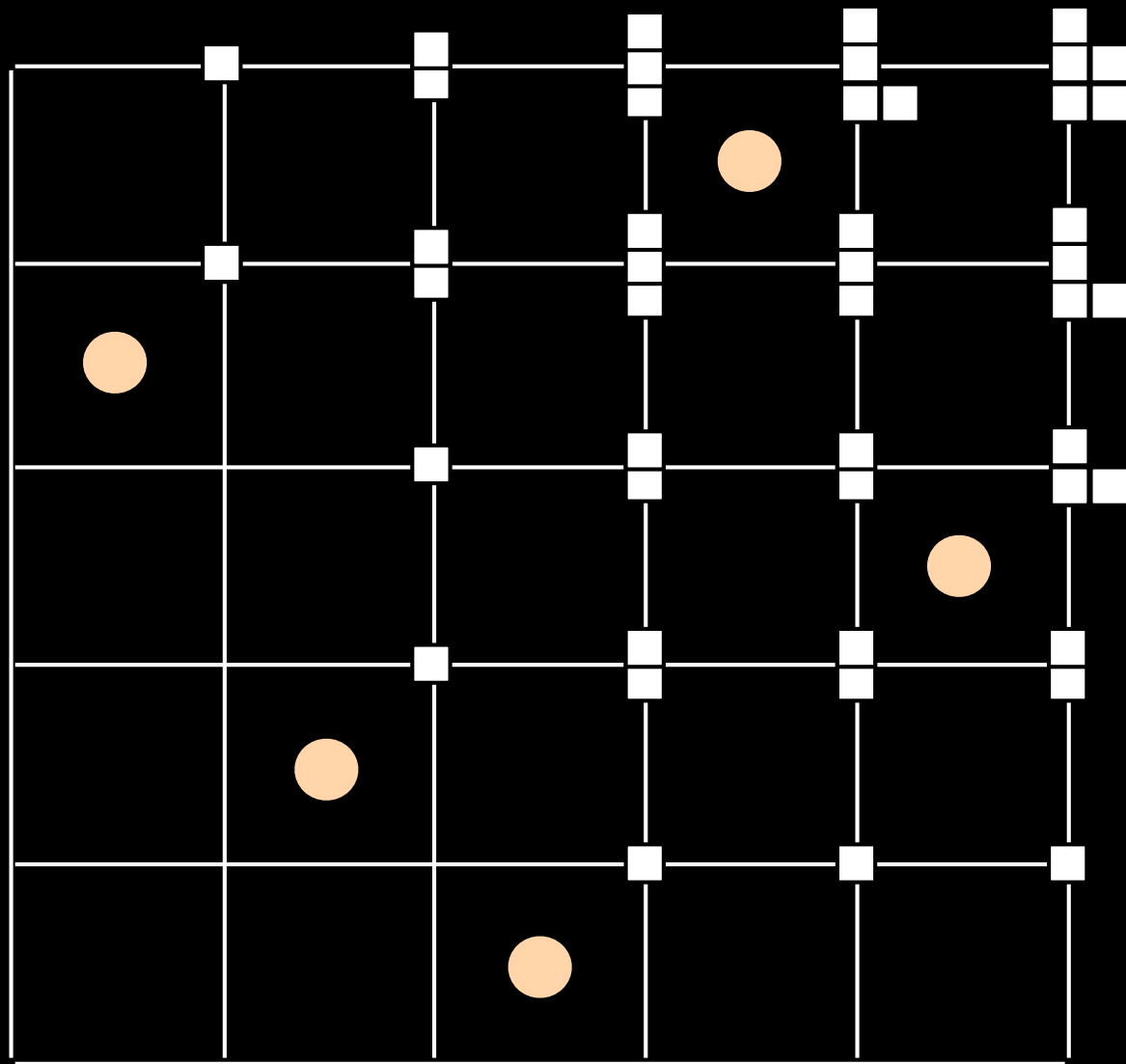


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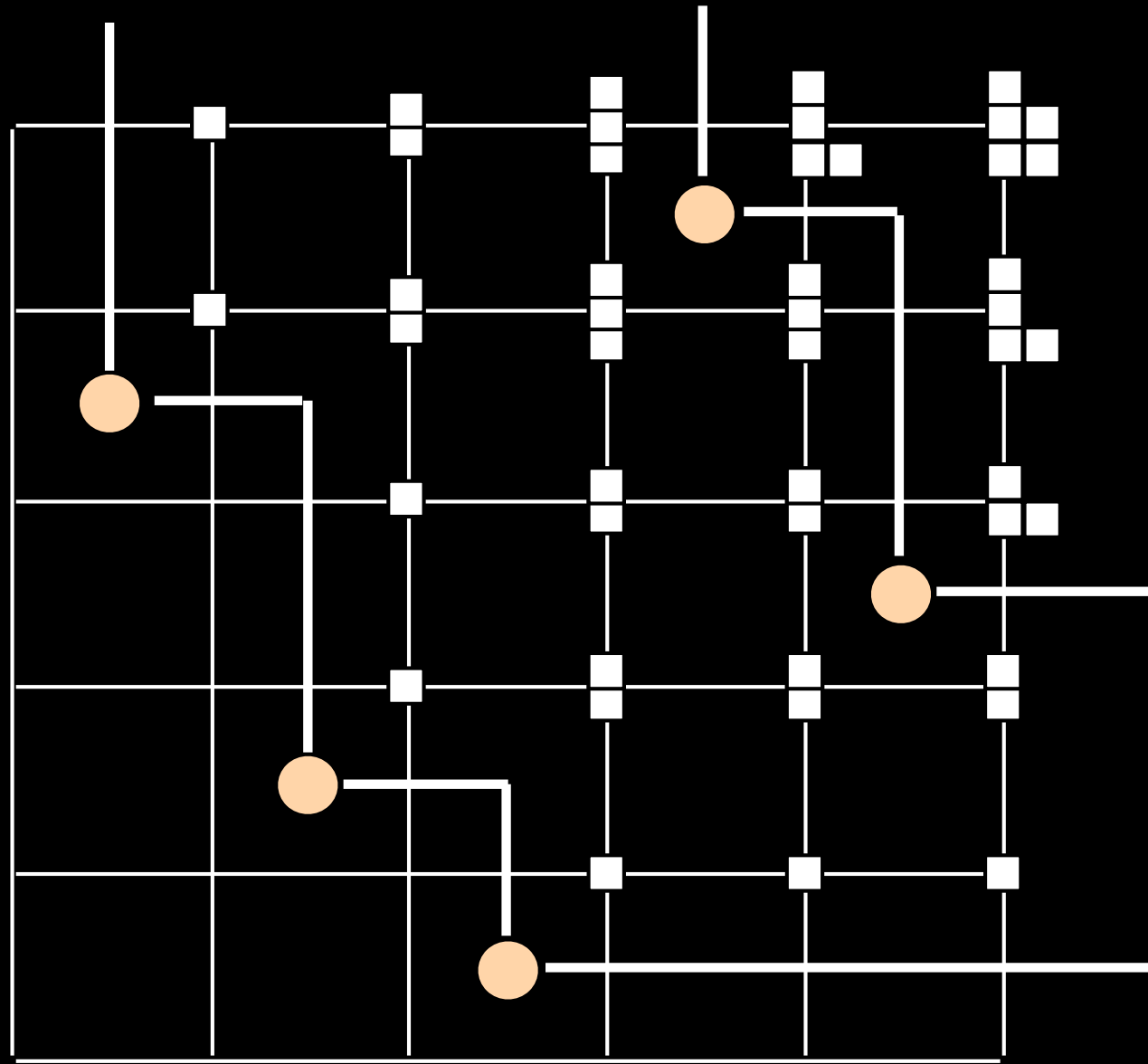
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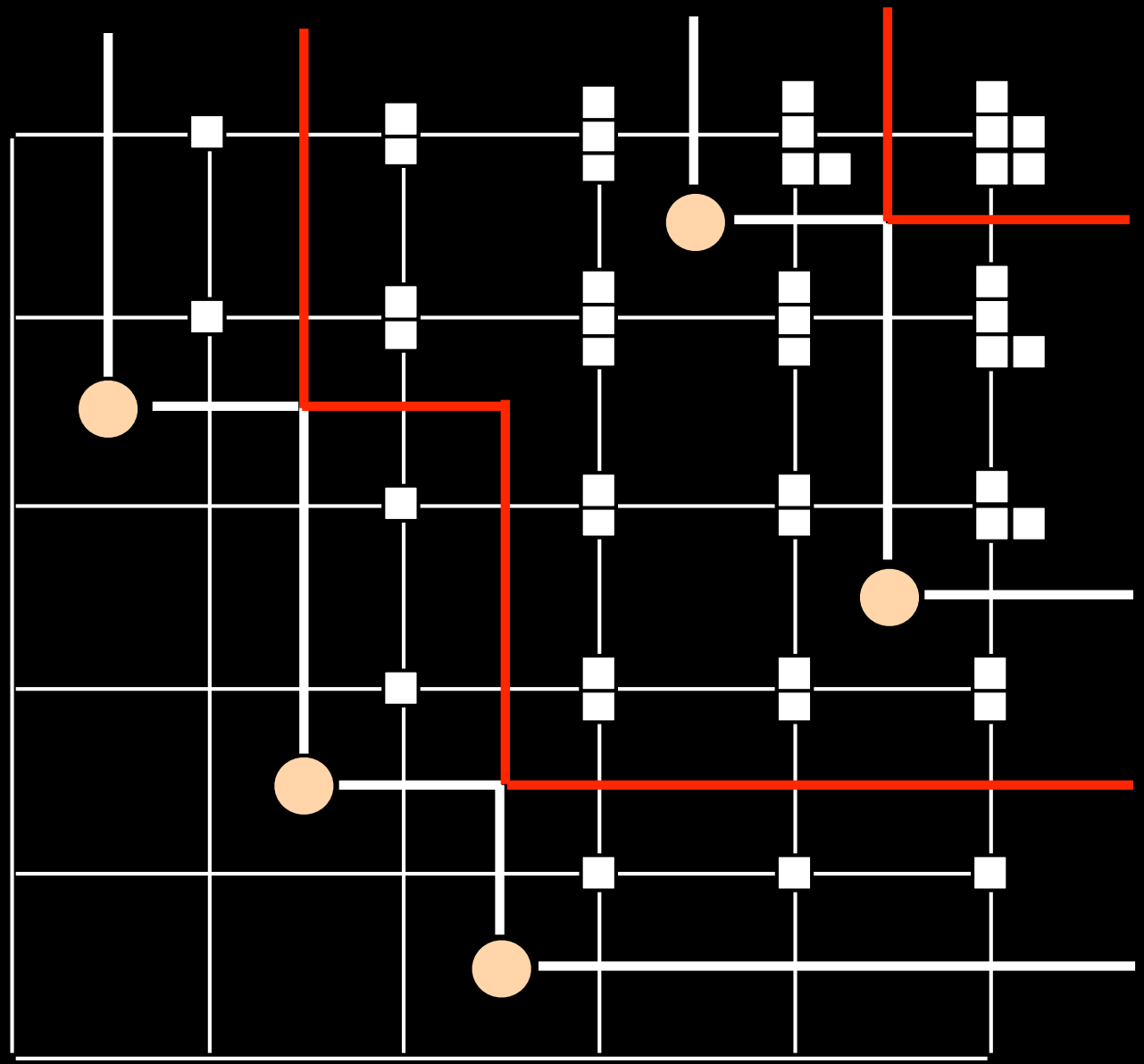


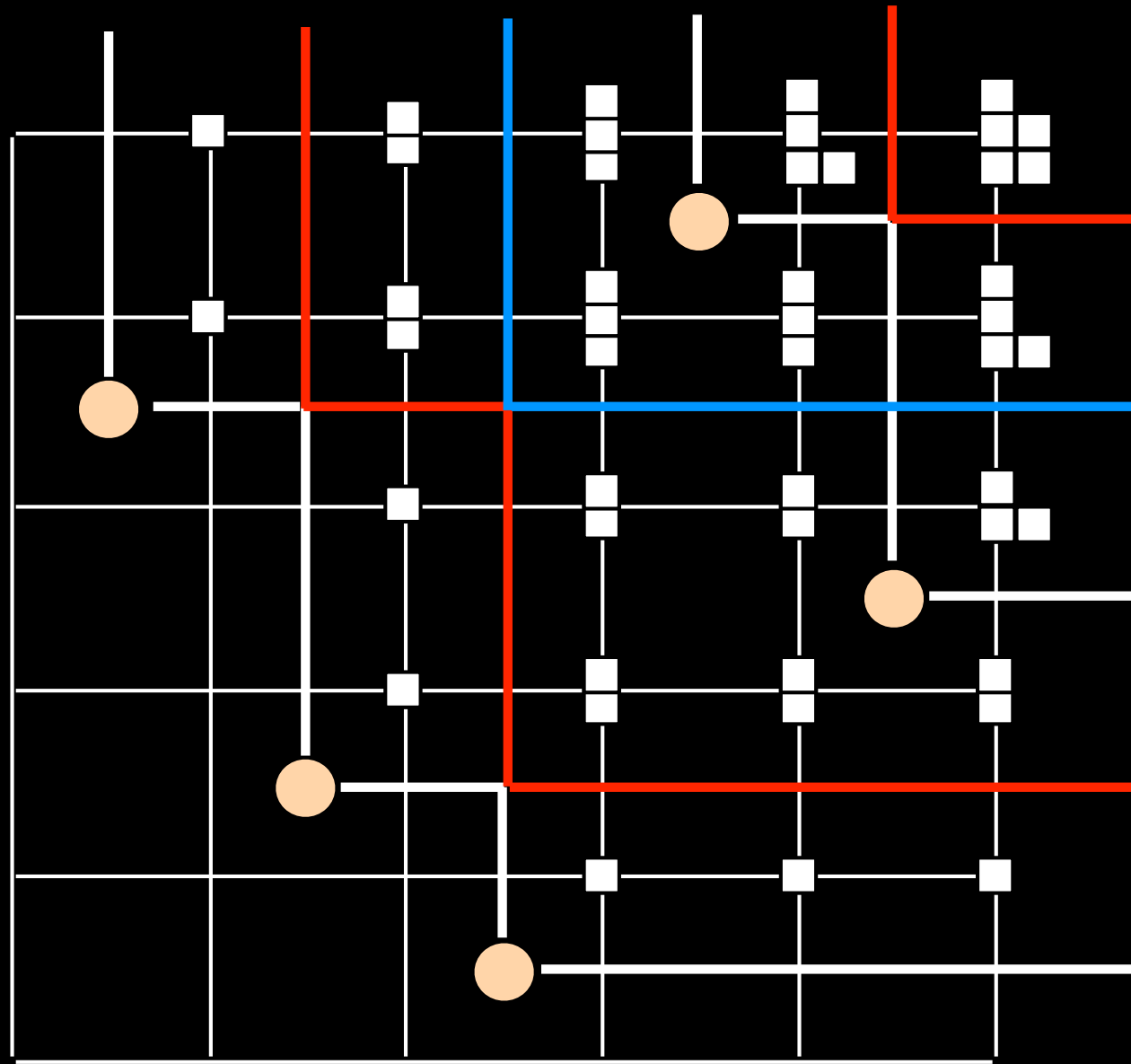
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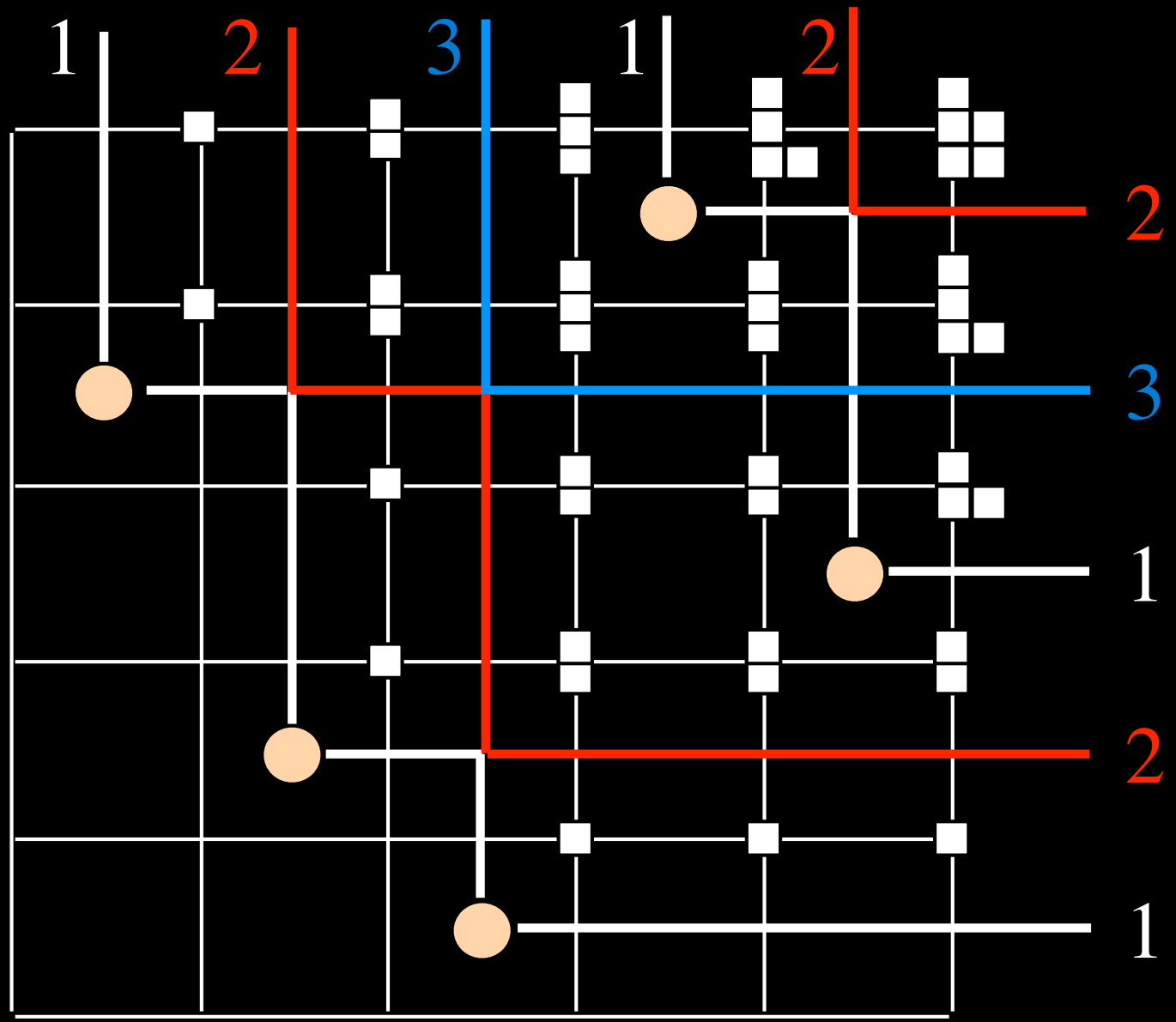


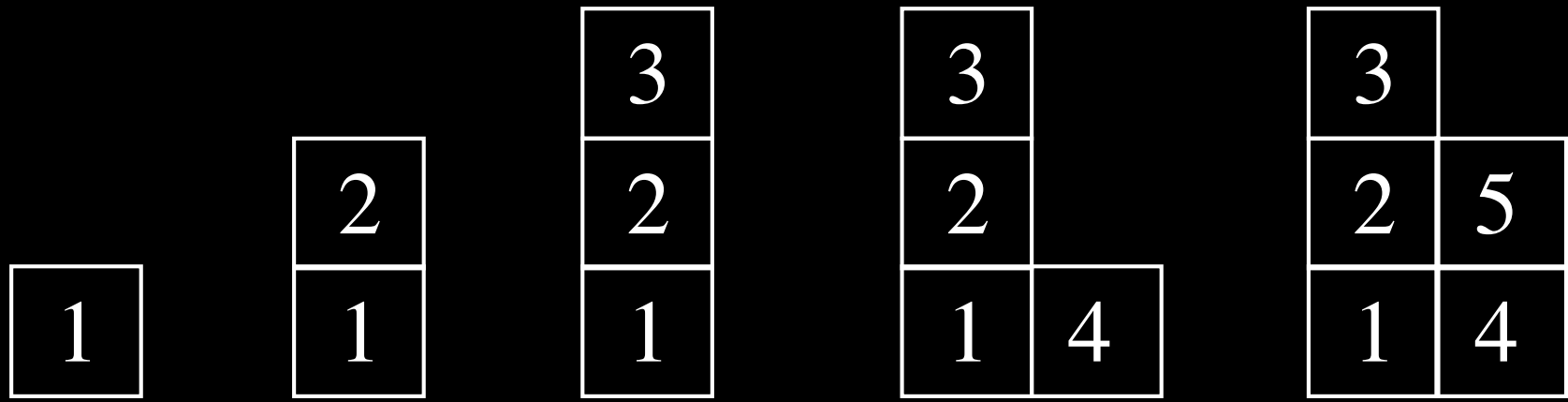
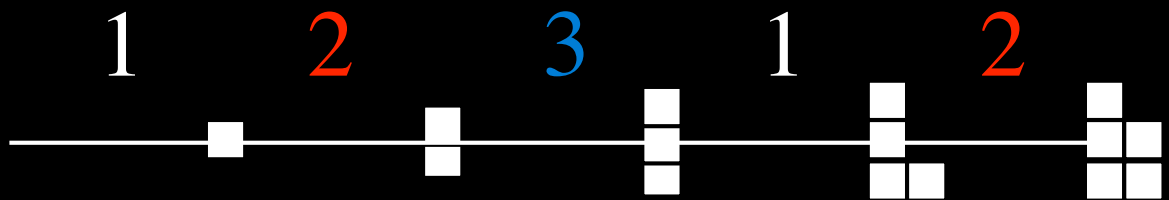
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$w = 1 2 3 1 2$

Yamanuchi word

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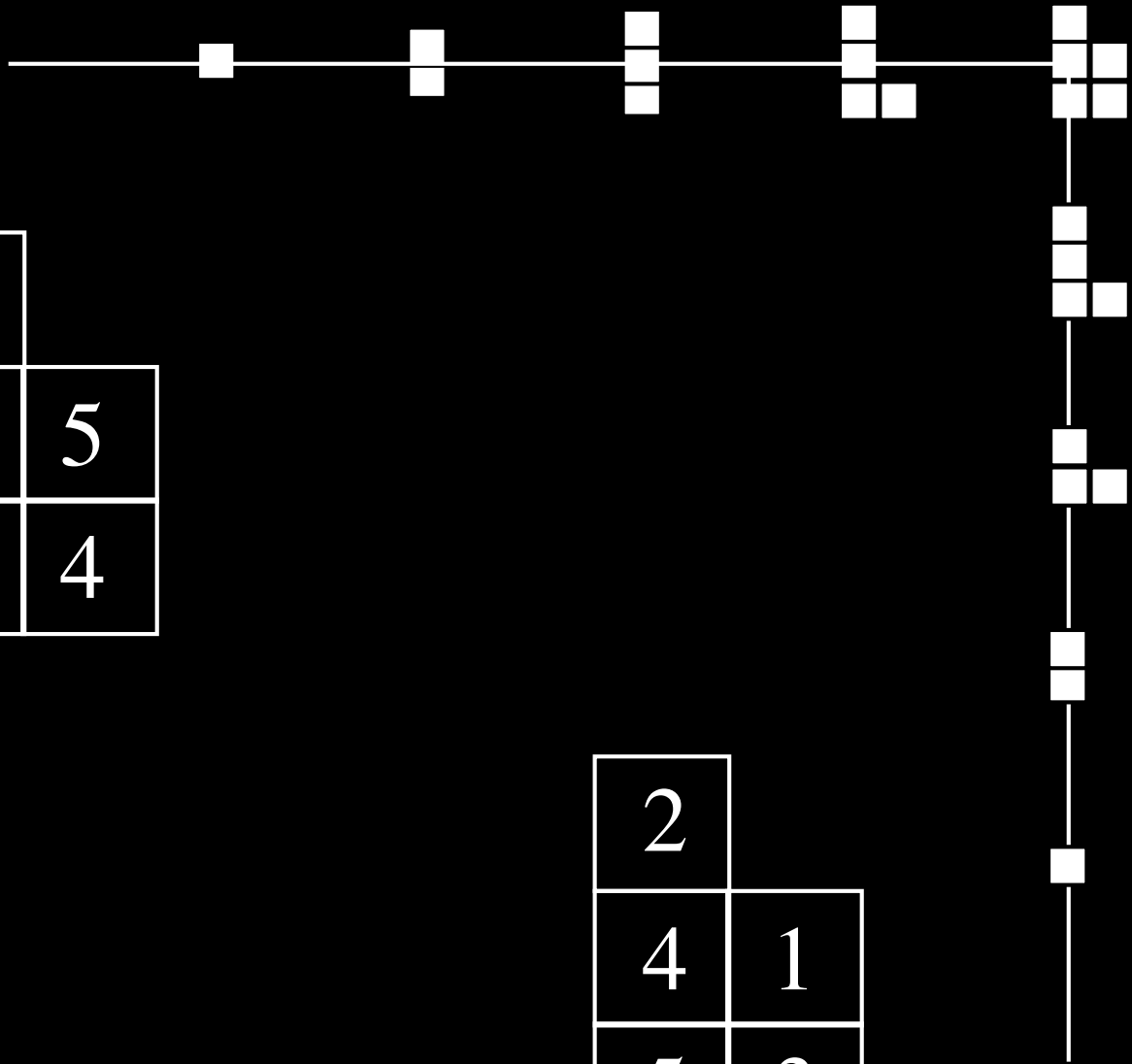
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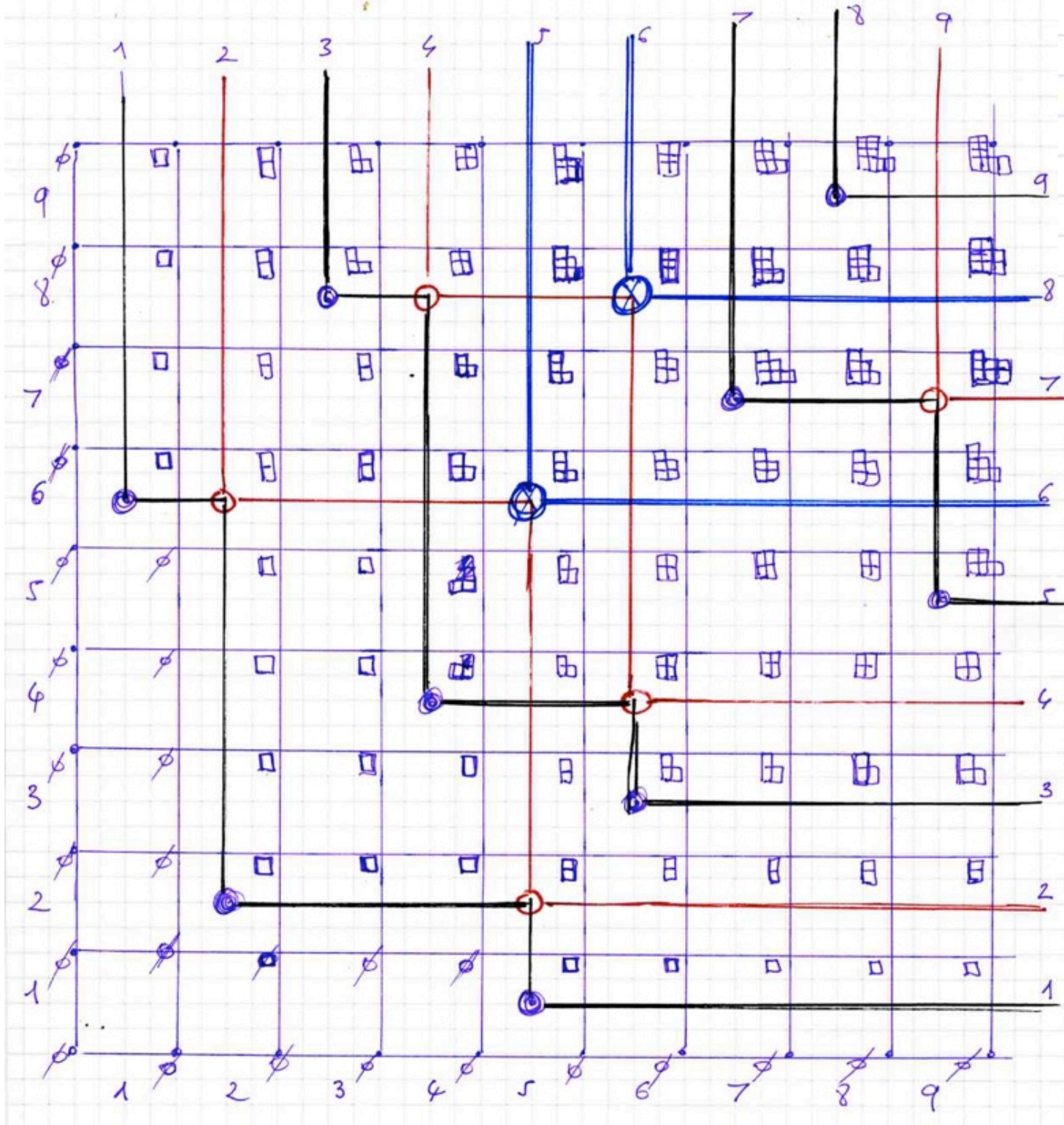
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another example
with
6 2 8 4 1 3 7 9 5

6	8		
2	4	7	
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